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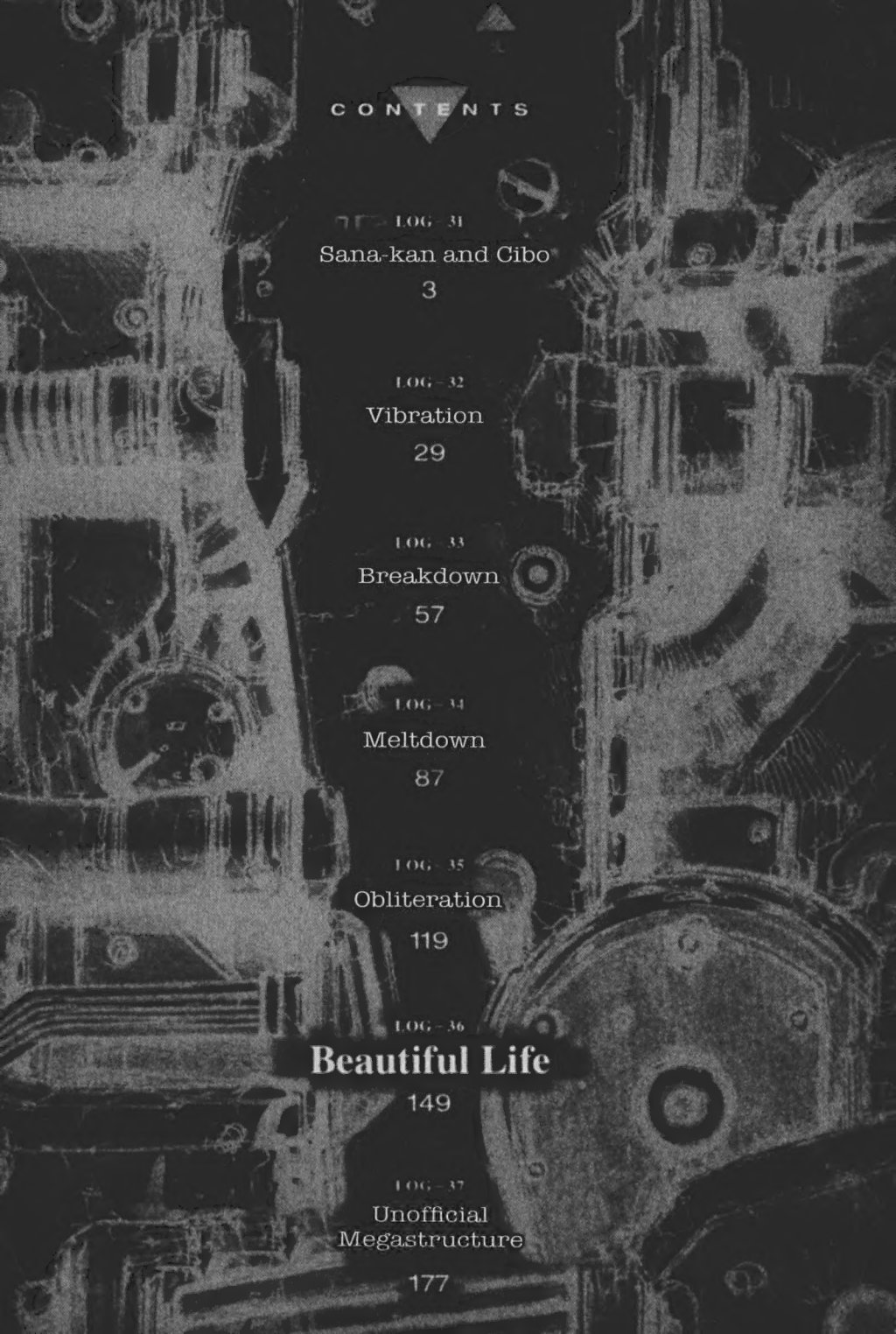

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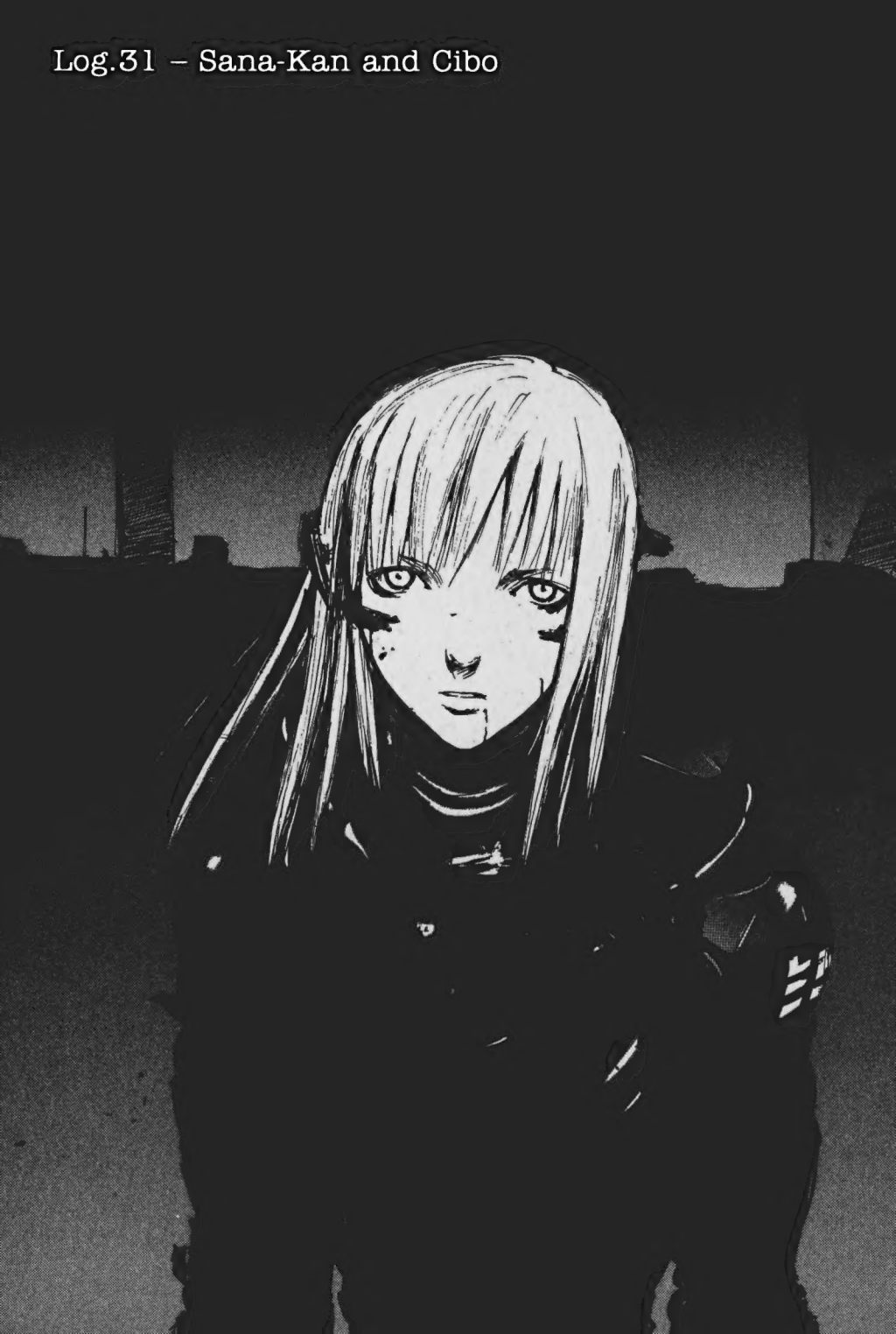
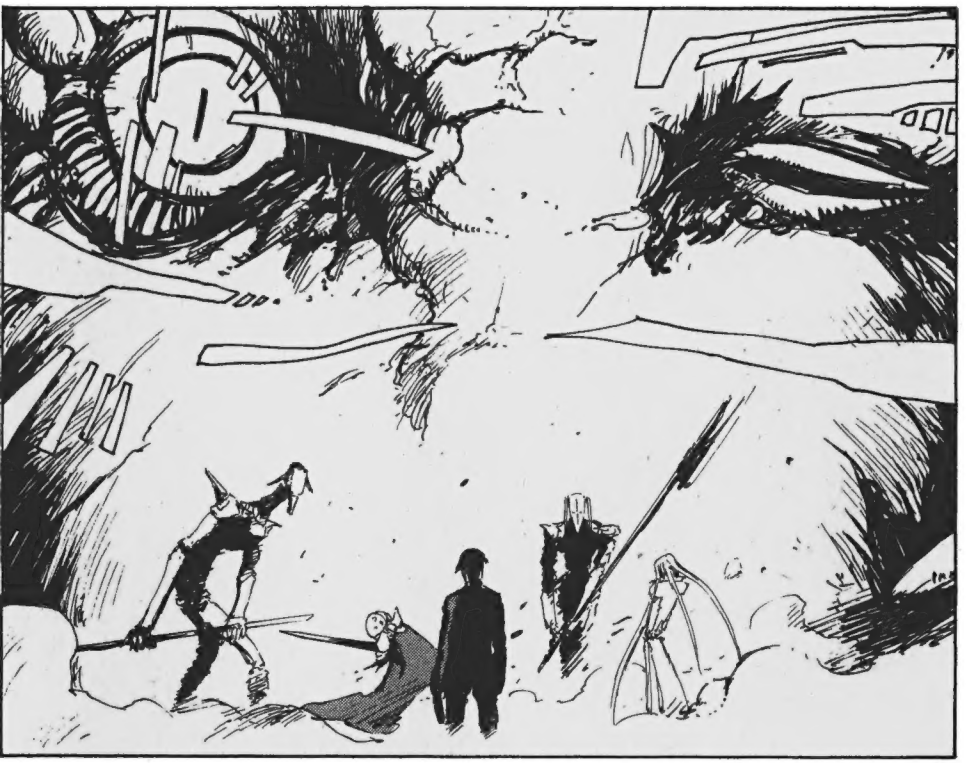
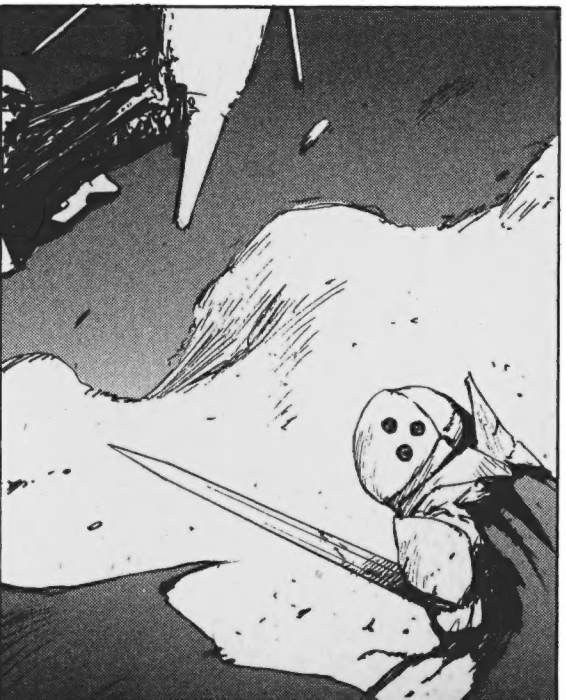
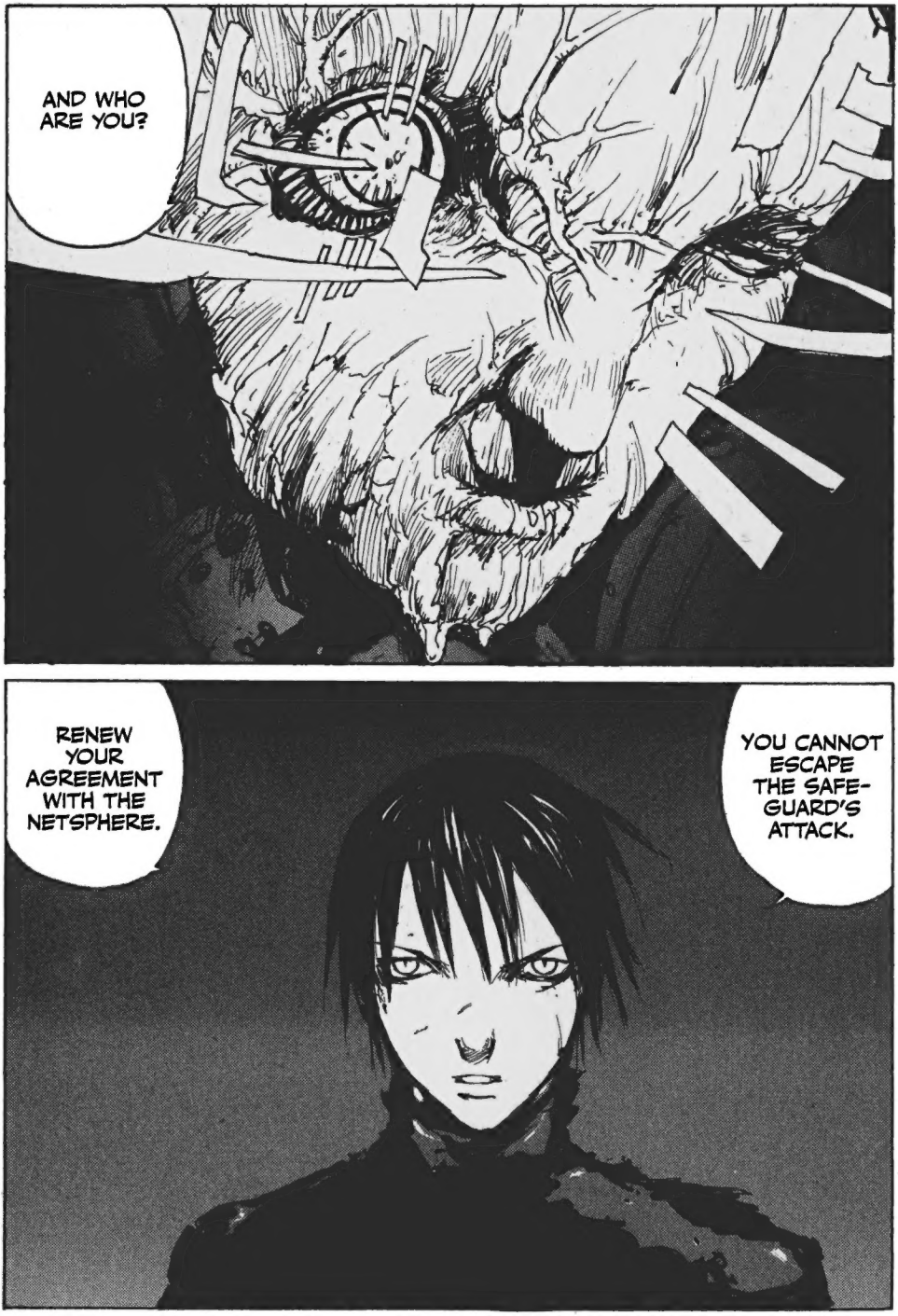
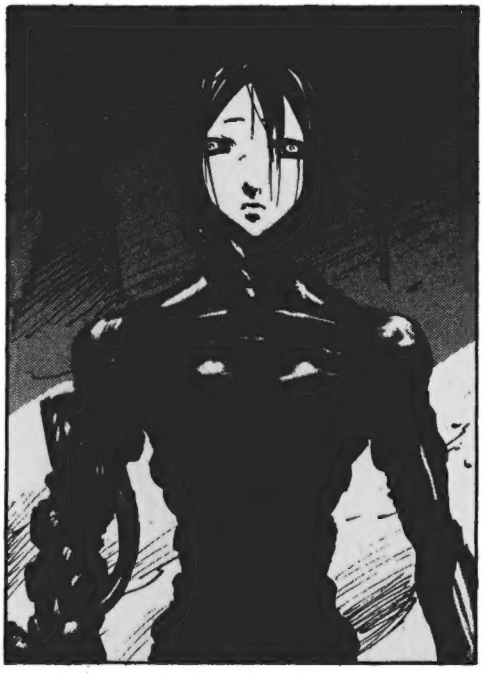
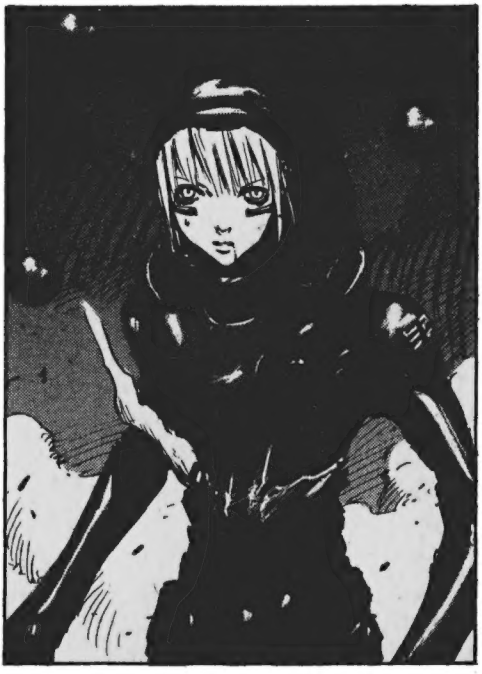







AND WHO ARE YOU?
RENEW YOUR AGREEMENT WITH THE NETSPHERE.
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THE SAFE-GUARD'S ATTACK.





SHHUNK
CH-GUNK

WHACK
SLAMMM
ドゴオ
WHOOSH
ヴン

GRRIP...
THWACK

THWACK
THWACK
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THWACK
THWACK

THMP
BSHOO
THUK
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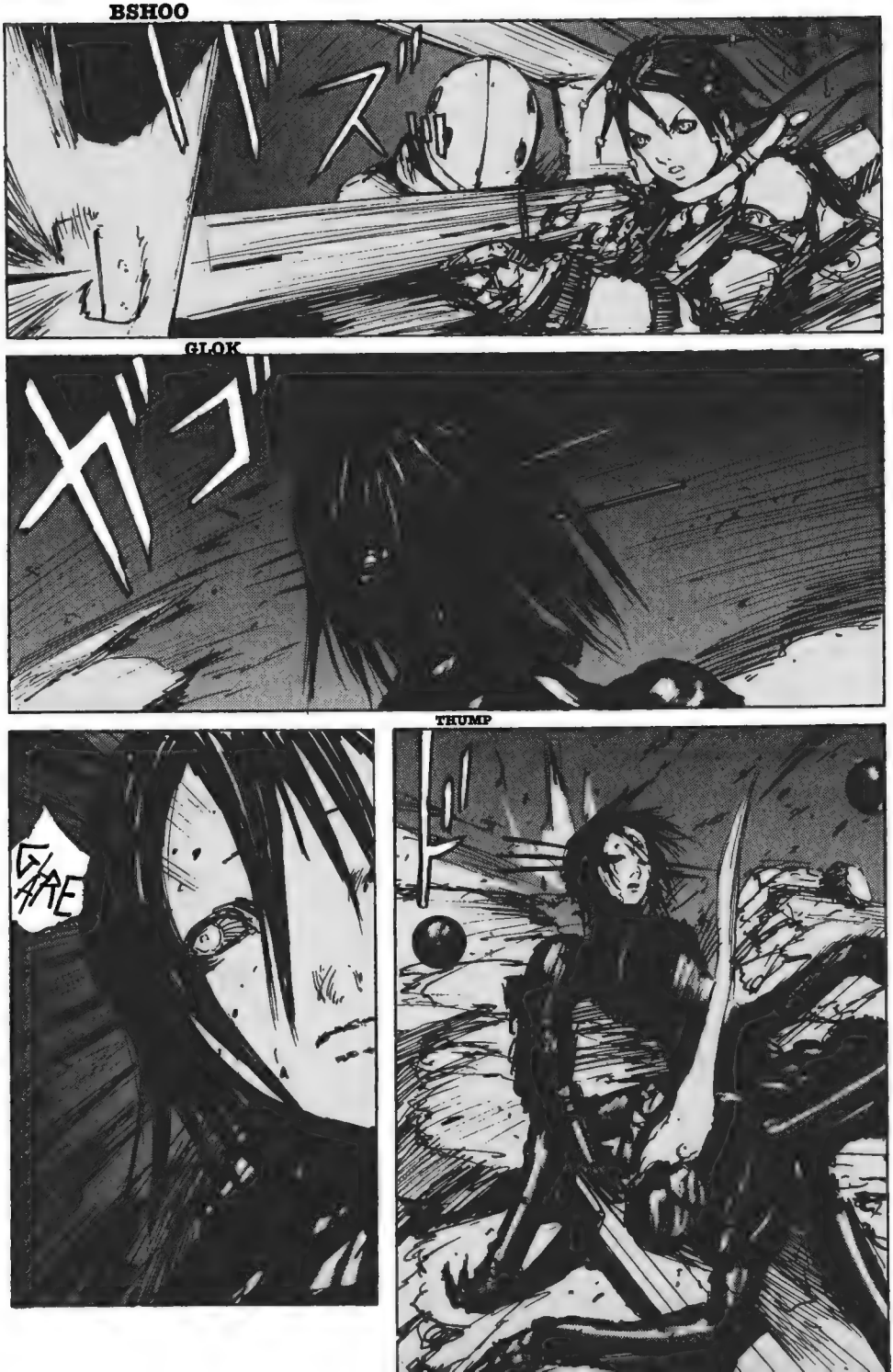
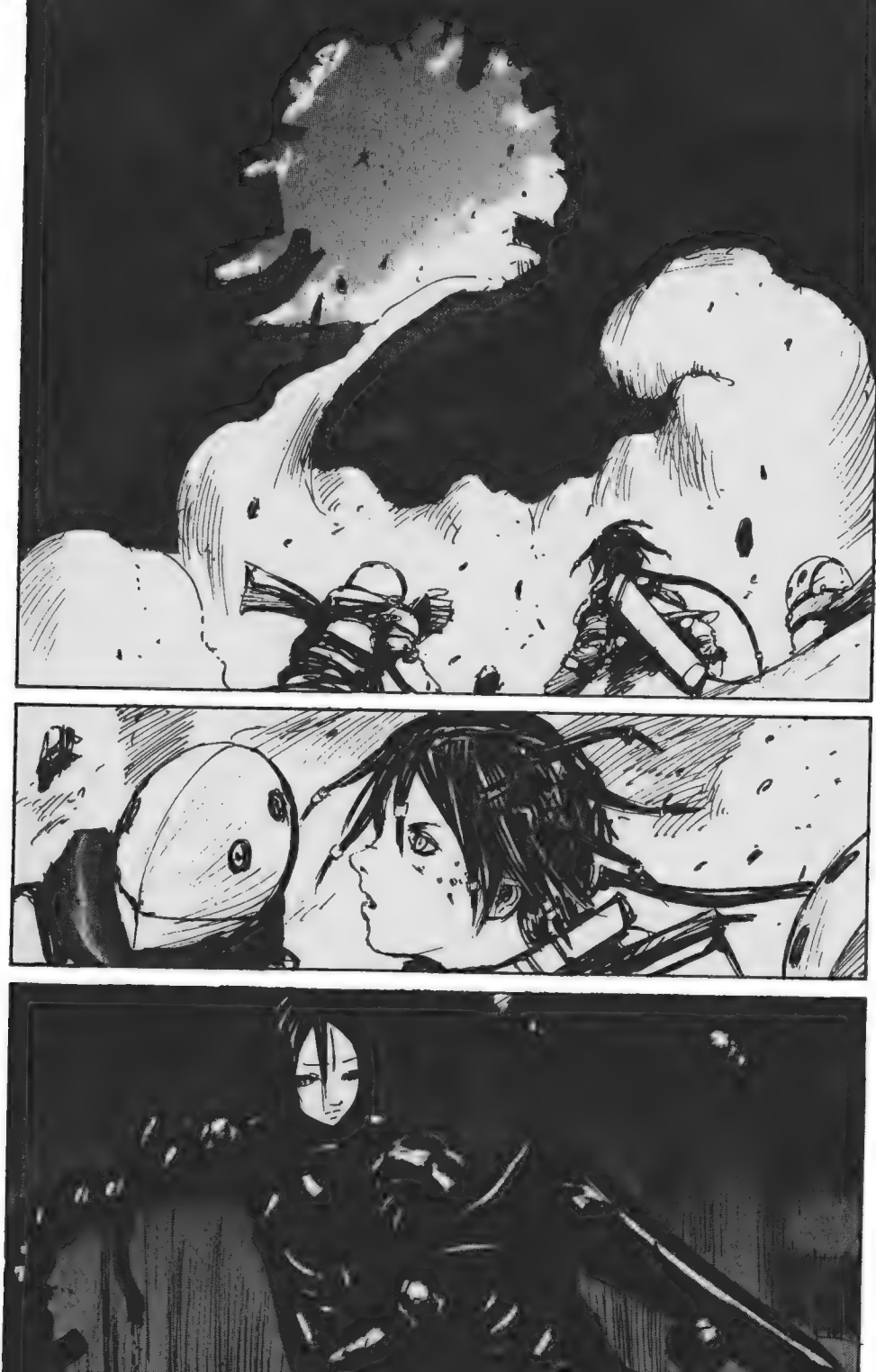
ZURU! I'M OUTTA BOLTS!
THIS IS THE LAST ONE!


BSHOO
GLOK
THUMP
GLARE

RRRRIP
DOOOF

WHIRRRRRRR



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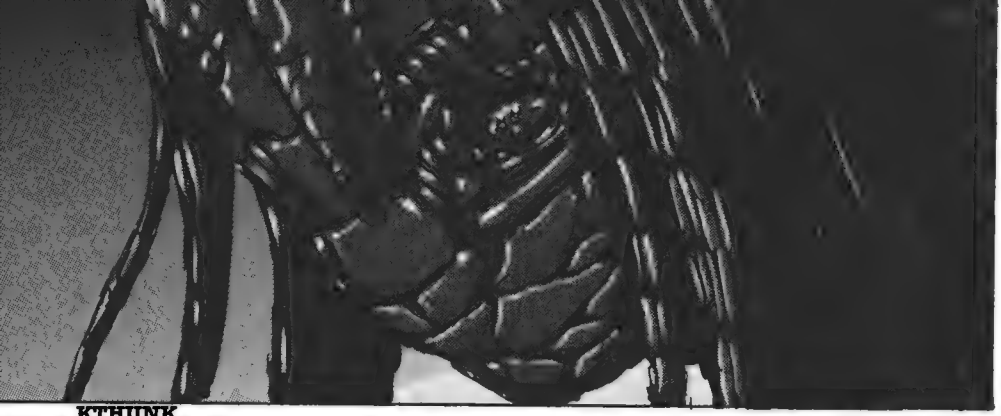
HO
WHARRRR

SKRIKKIKKIKKI



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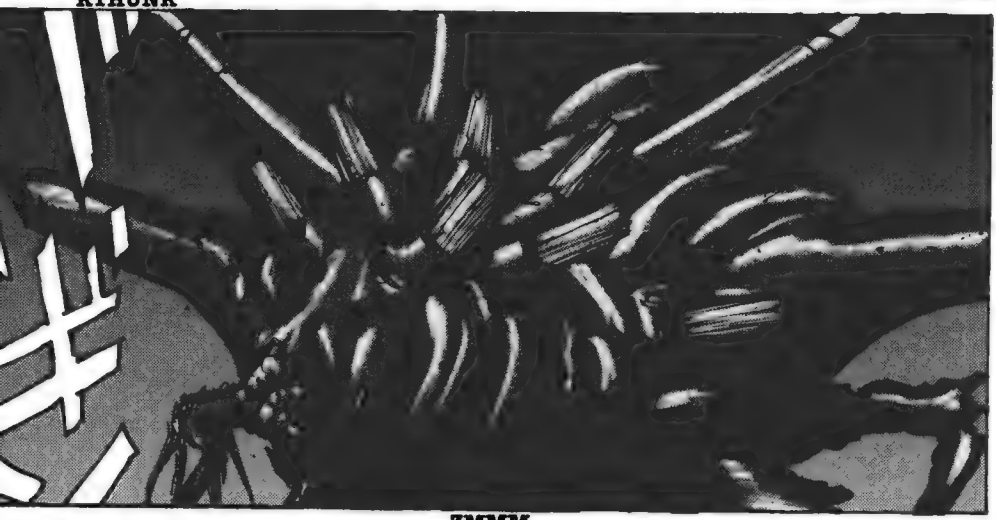

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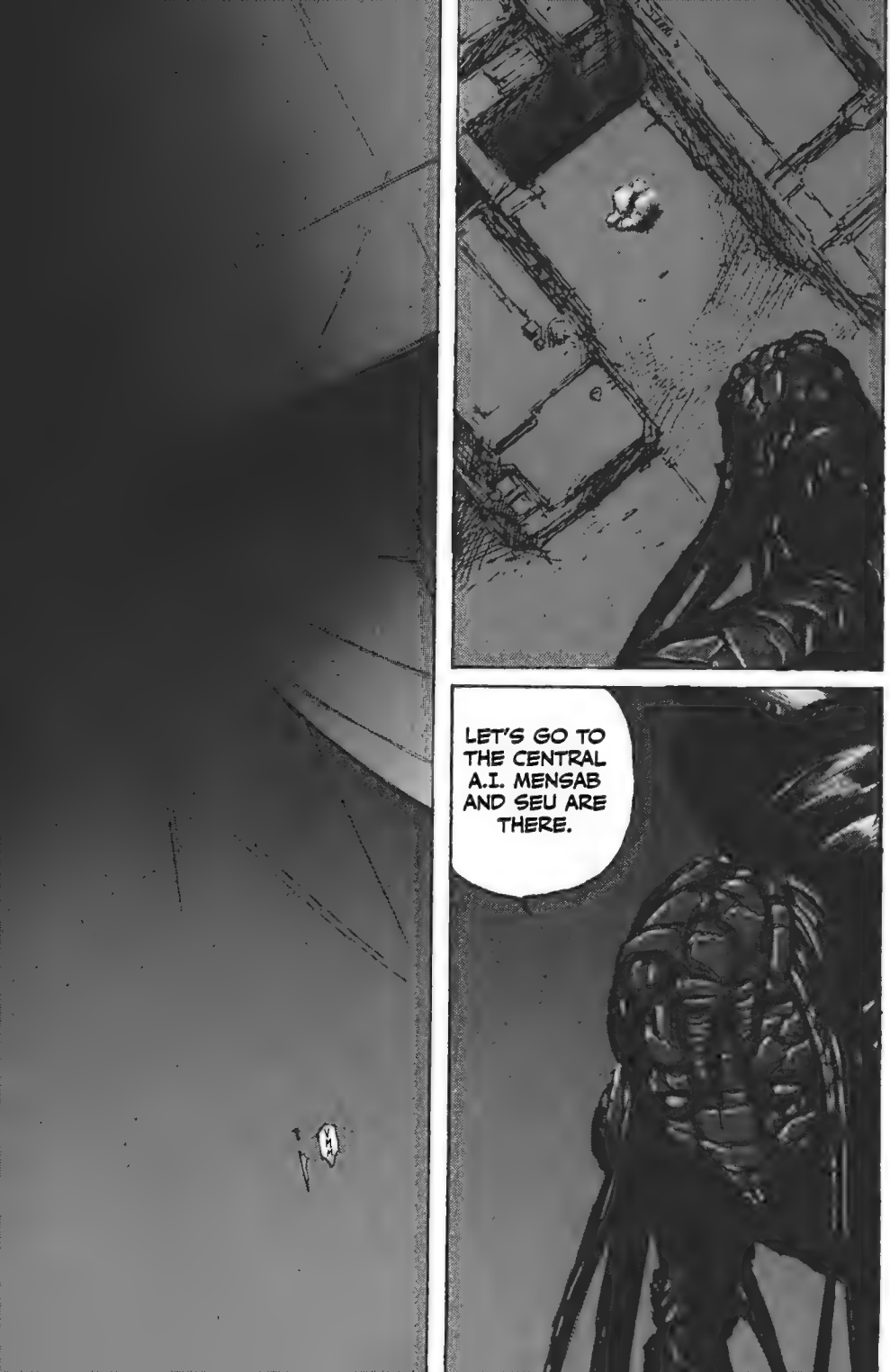
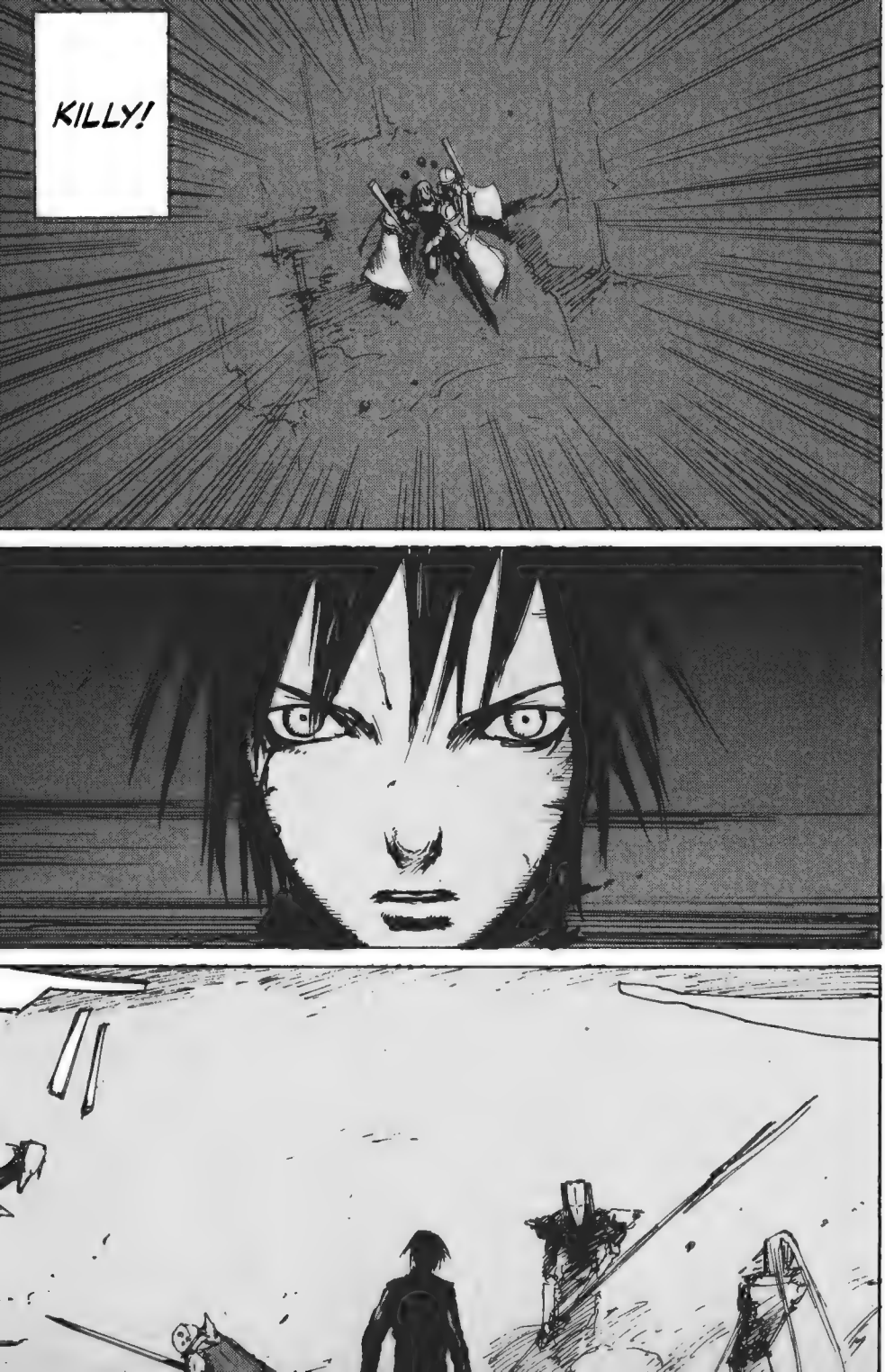
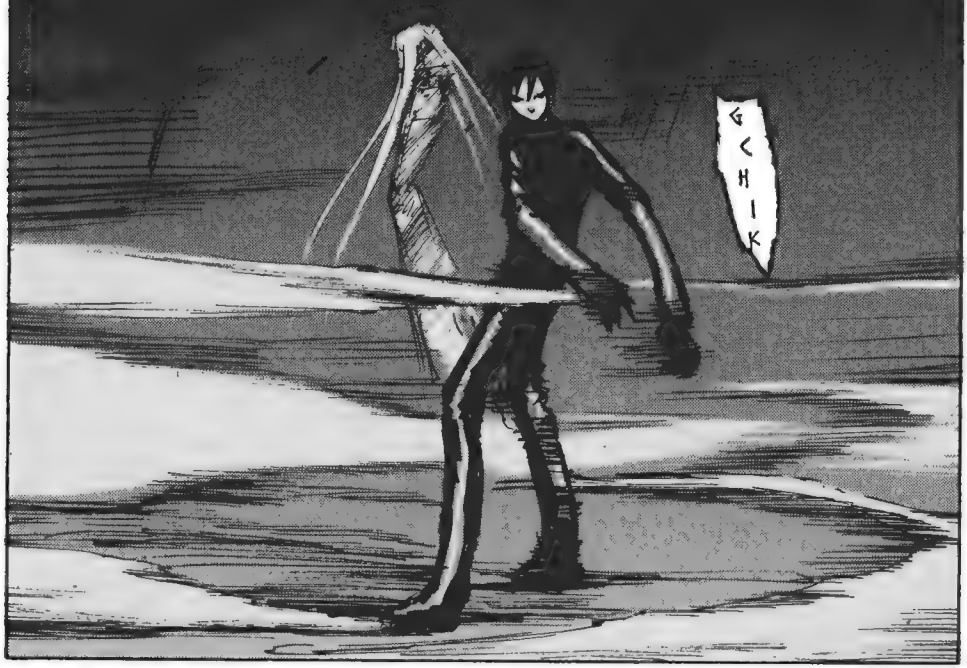

LET'S GO TO THE CENTRAL A.I. MENSAB AND SEU ARE THERE.

CIBO…

HURRY!

SANA-KAN'S TOP PRIORITY IS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CENTRAL A.I.
GCH UNK
WHIRRRR


KILLY!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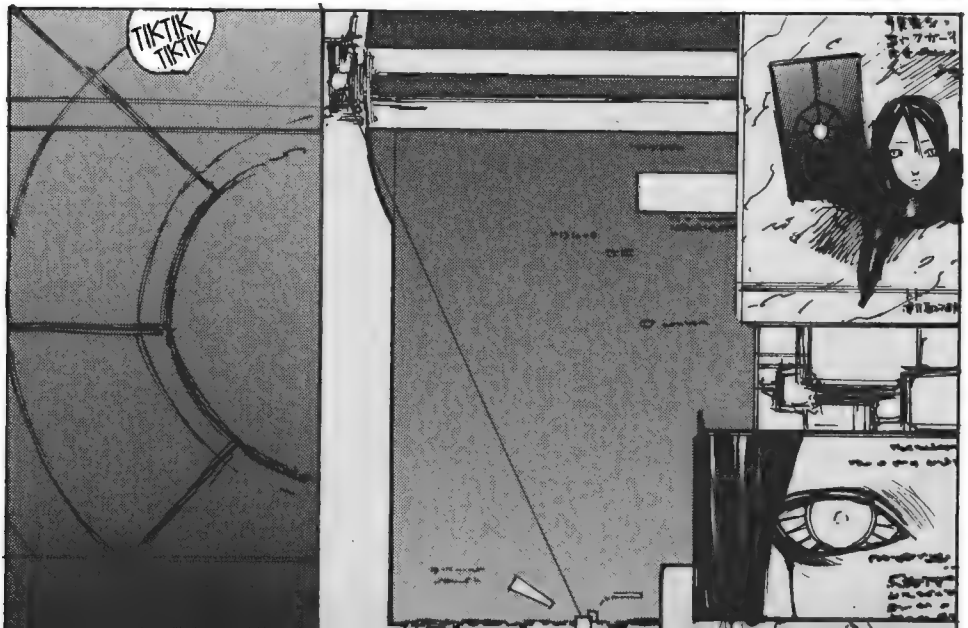
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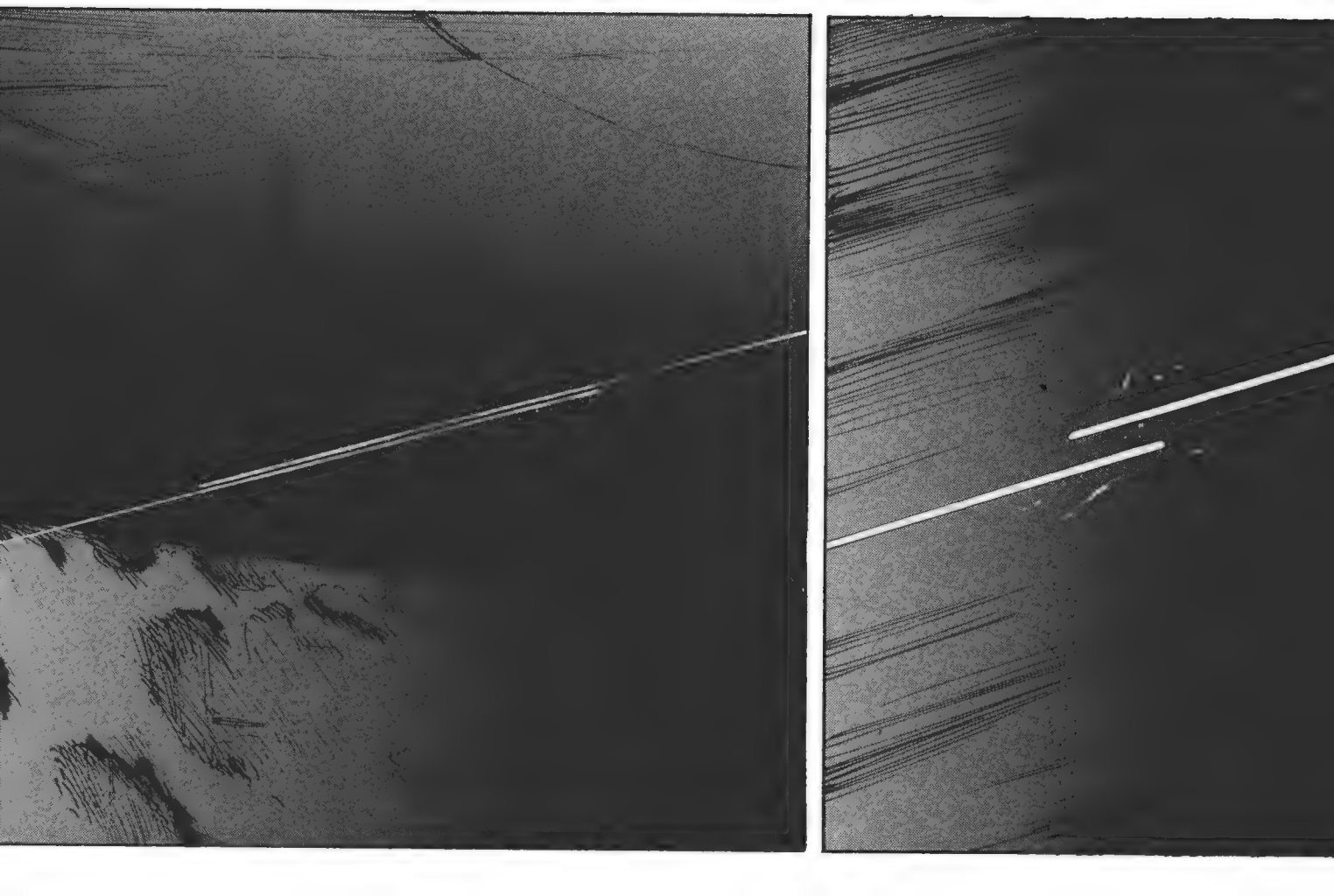

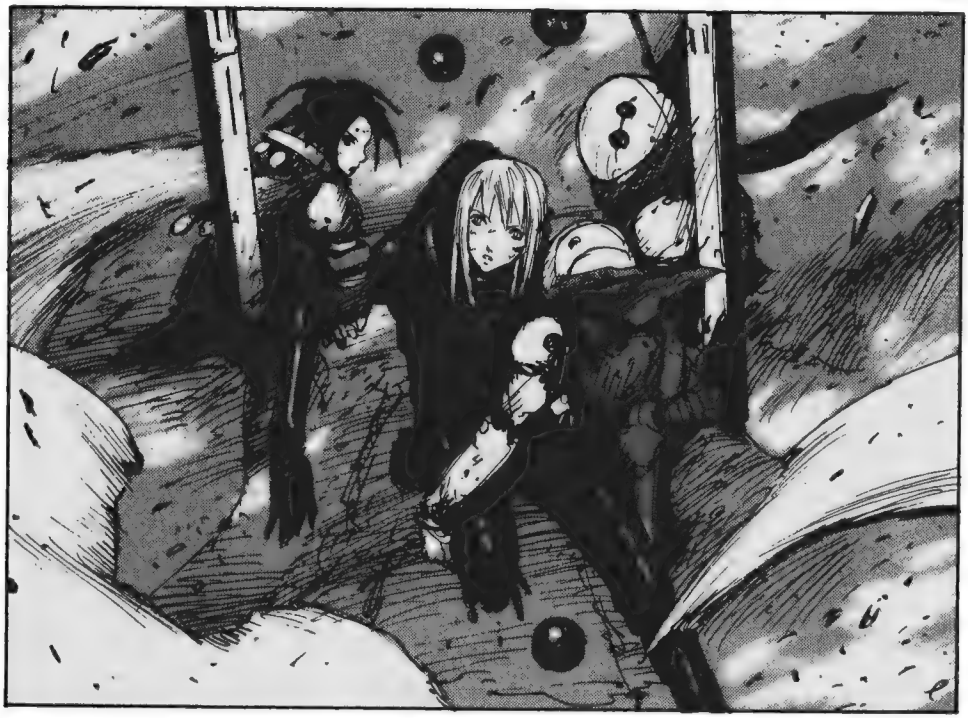

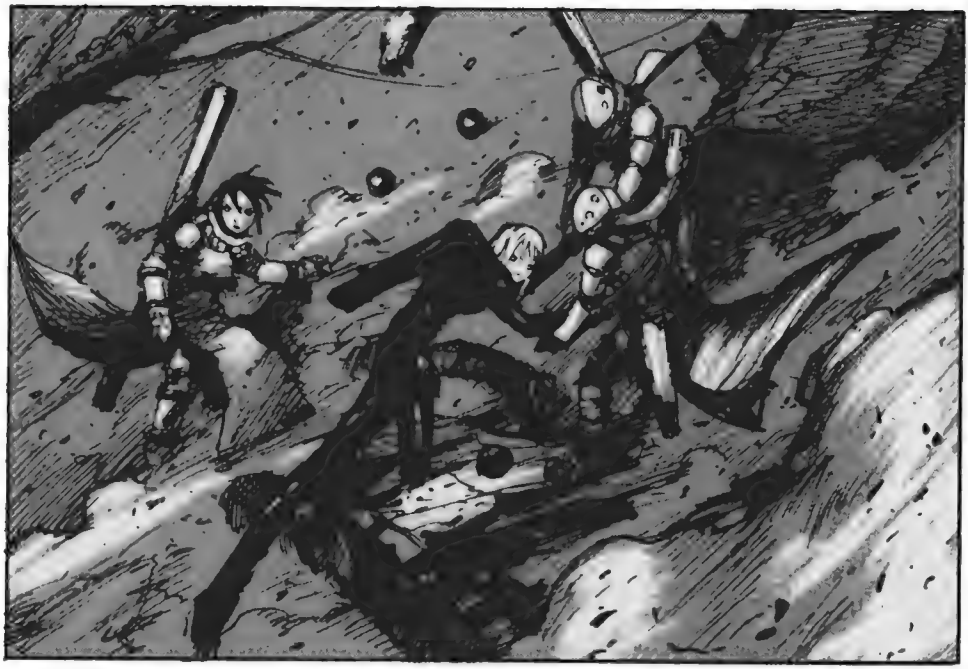

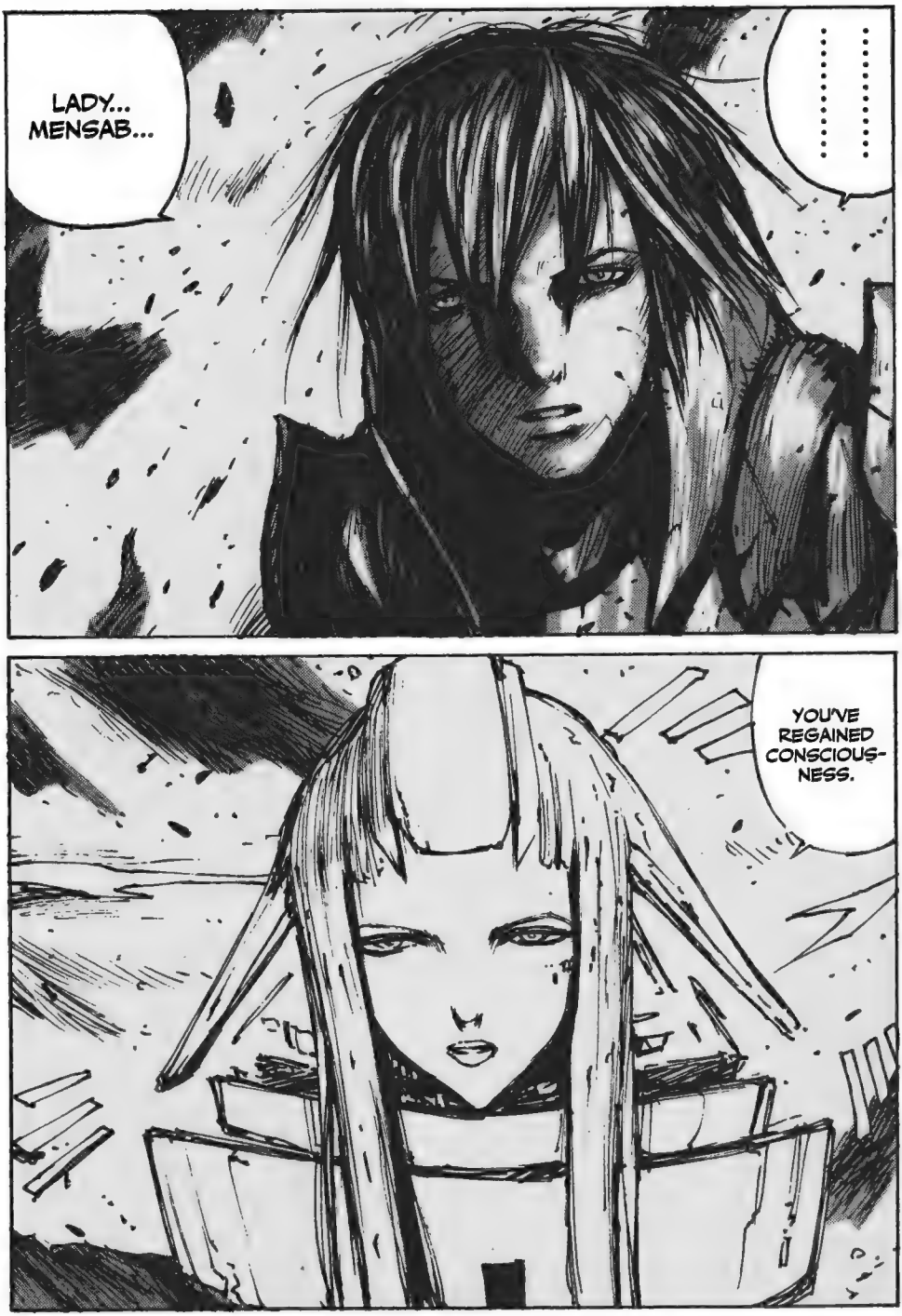
LADY... MENSAB...
.....
YOU'VE REGAINED CONSCIOUS-NESS.

MAEVE?!

SEU! LET US FIGHT!

CH-CHIK
CSSHH
FVOOM

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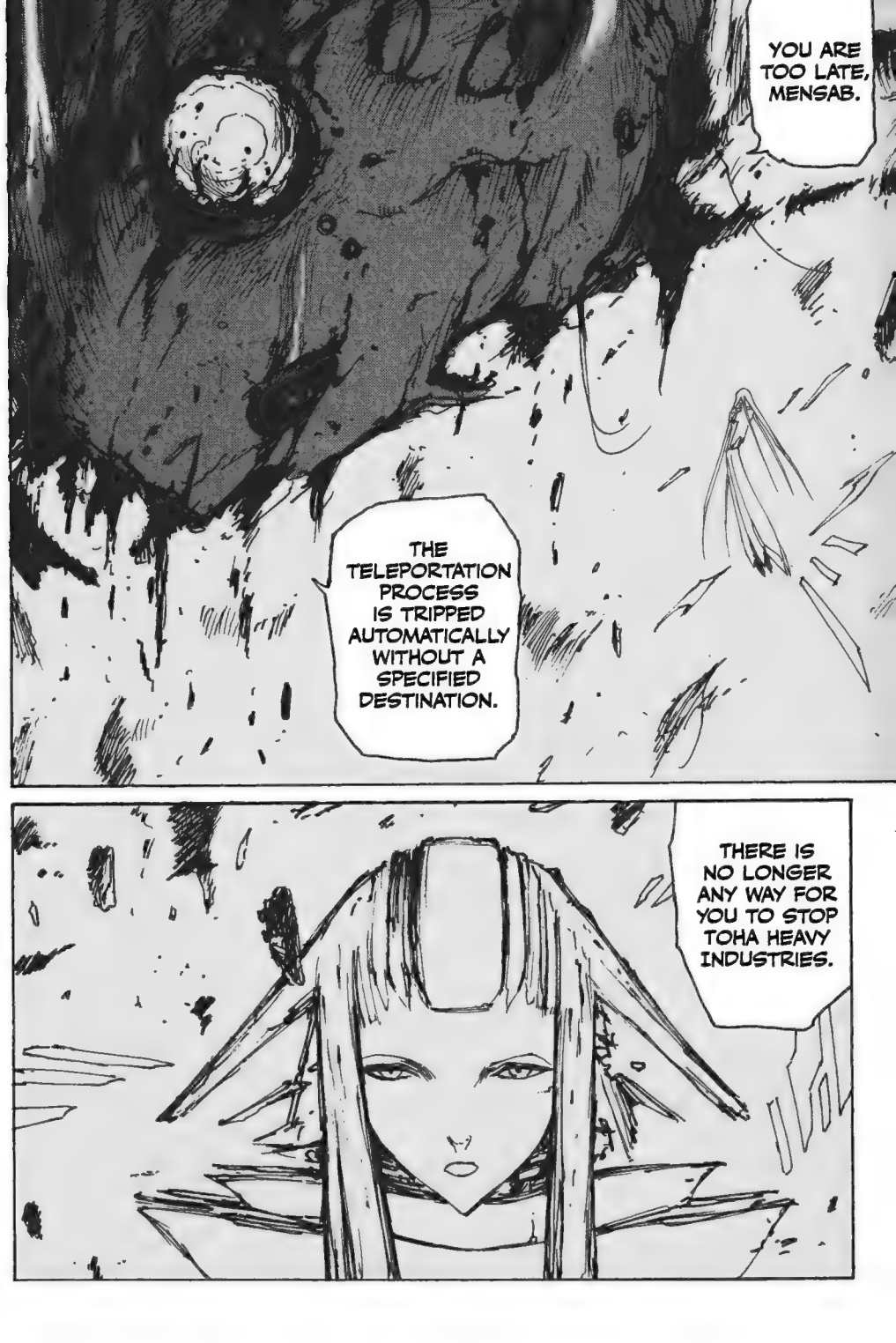
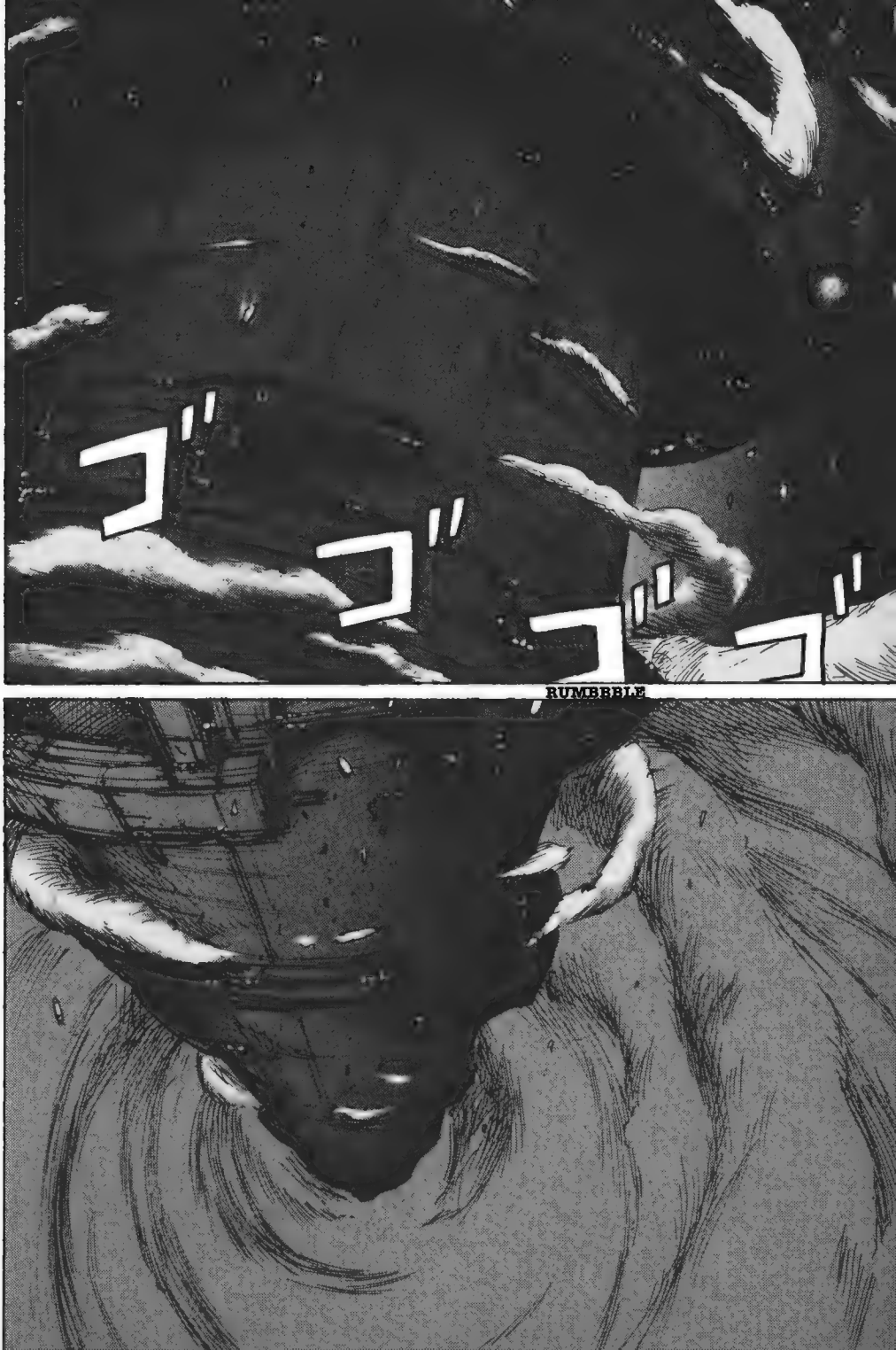
CLANNGG

SCHLORP


YOU ARE TOO LATE, MENSAB.
THE TELEPORTATION PROCESS IS TRIPPED AUTOMATICALLY WITHOUT A SPECIFIED DESTINATION.
THERE IS NO LONGER ANY WAY FOR YOU TO STOP TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES.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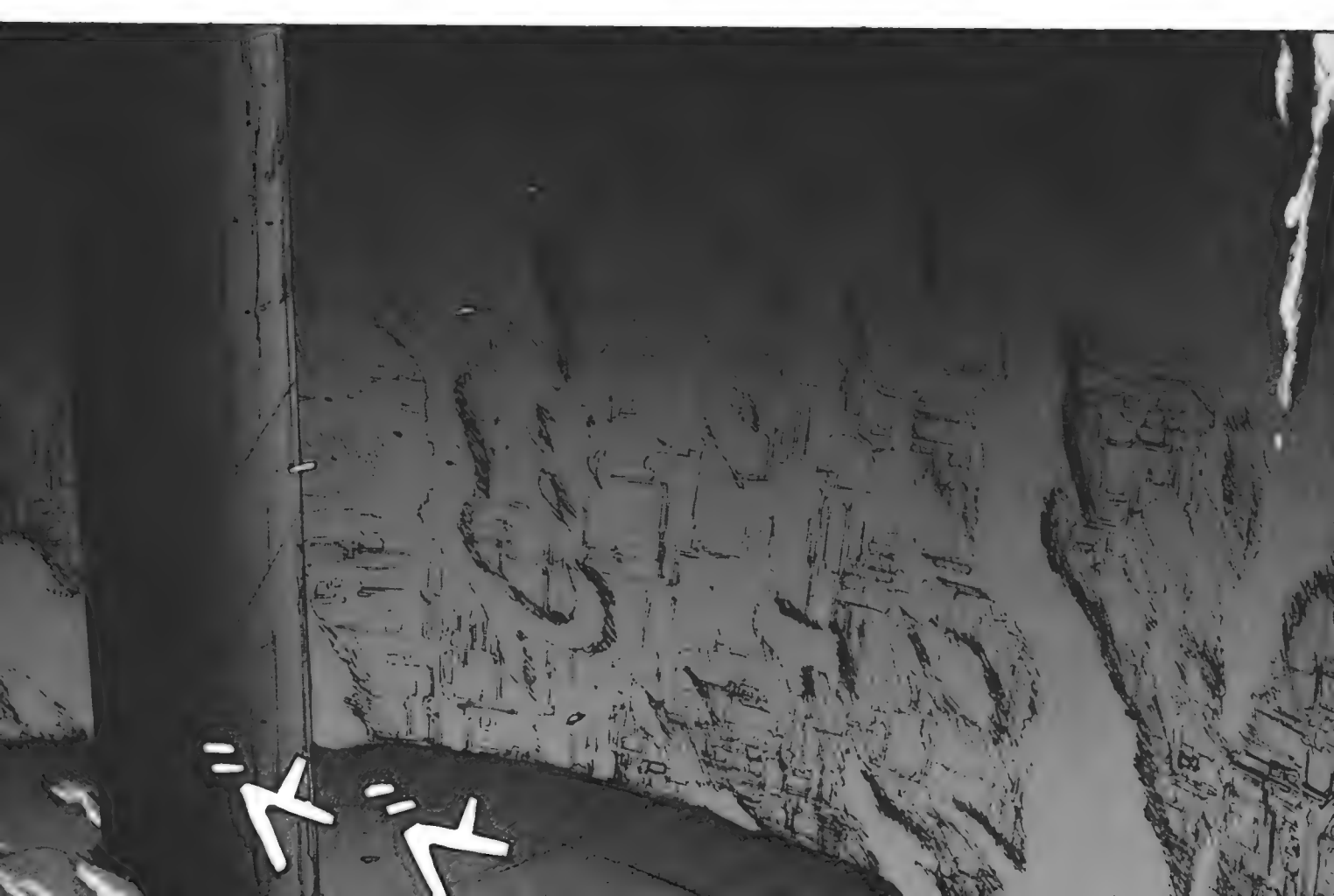
RUMBBBLE



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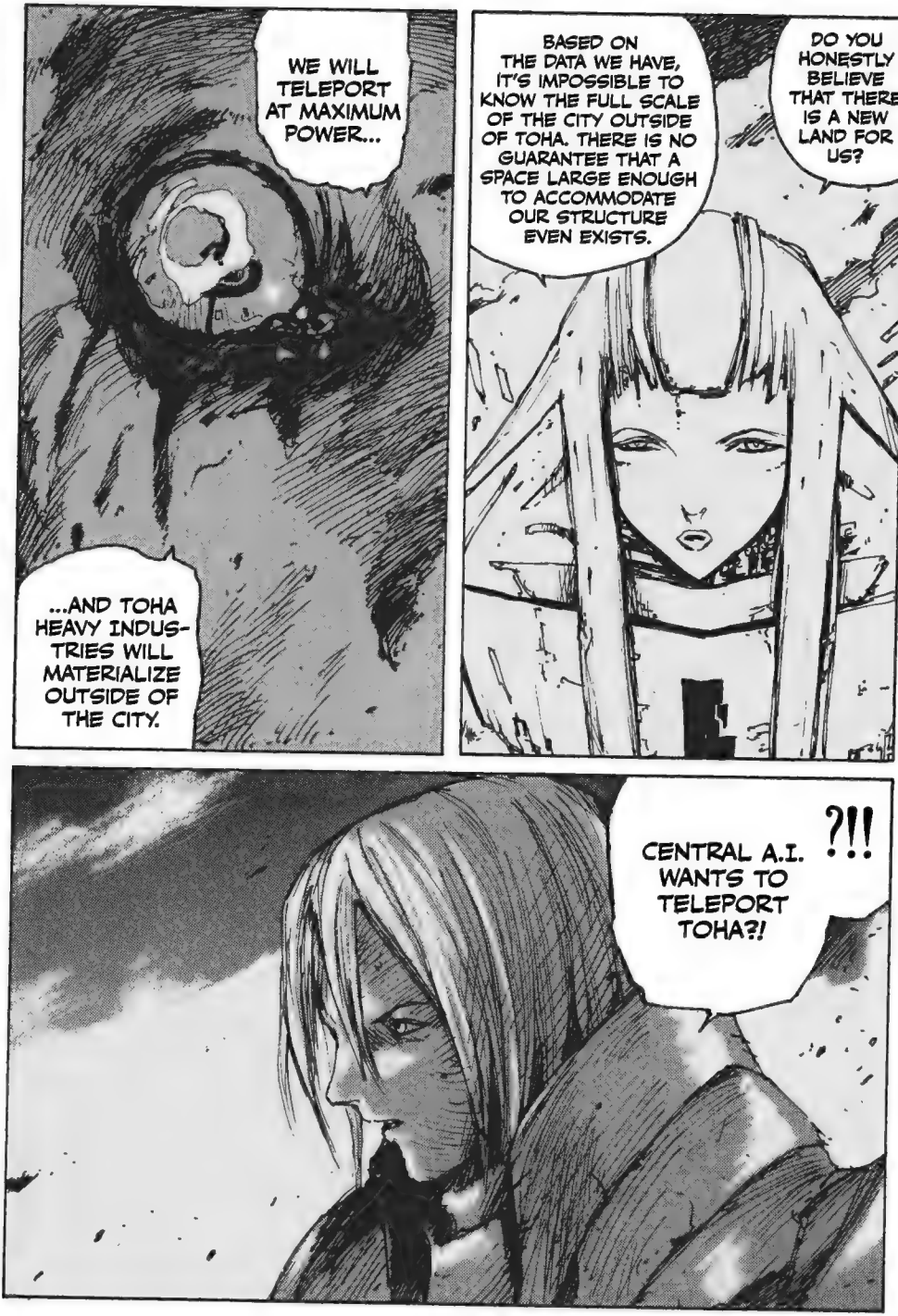
WE WILL TELEPORT AT MAXIMUM POWER...
...AND TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES WILL MATERIALIZE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY.
BASED ON THE DATA WE HAVE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW THE FULL SCALE OF THE CITY OUTSIDE OF TOHA. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT A SPACE LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE OUR STRUCTURE EVEN EXISTS.
DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A NEW LAND FOR US?
CENTRAL A.I. WANTS TO TELEPORT TOHA?!
?!!

BUT HAVE NO FEAR. WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO SETTLE THIS SCORE.
THAT'S RIGHT. IT WILL ALL BE OVER SOON.
ALL THE SILICON CREATURES INSIDE TOHA WILL SHARE YOUR FATE.
WHOOOSH
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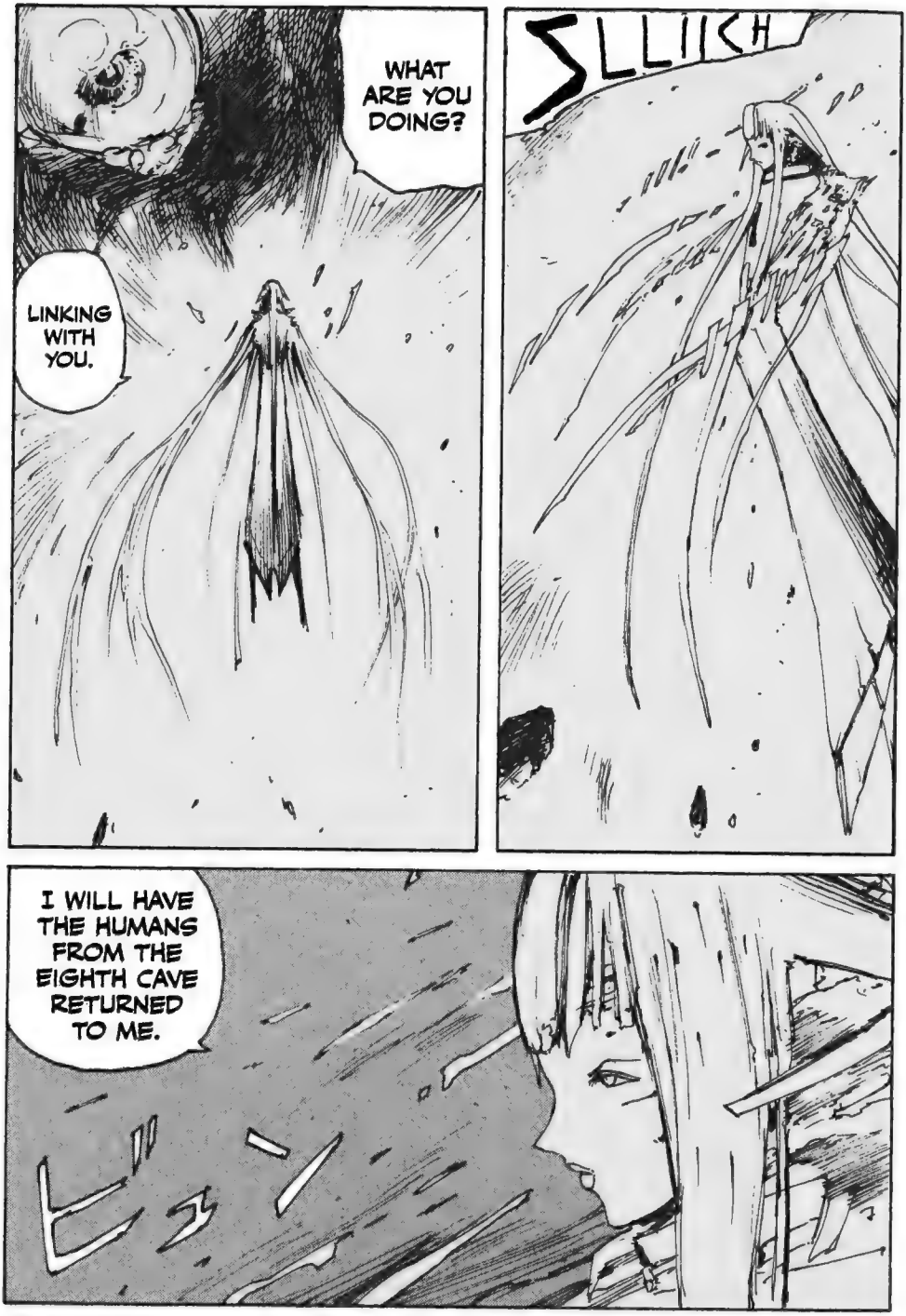
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LINKING WITH YOU.
SLLIICH
I WILL HAVE THE HUMANS FROM THE EIGHTH CAVE RETURNED TO ME.
ヒュン

KACHIK

SLAM

KASHU

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ZZZRT
GLOB GLOB
STOP... IT... MENSAB...
YOU DO... NOT... HAVE... THE... POWER.
THERE IS... NOTHING... YOU CAN... DO...

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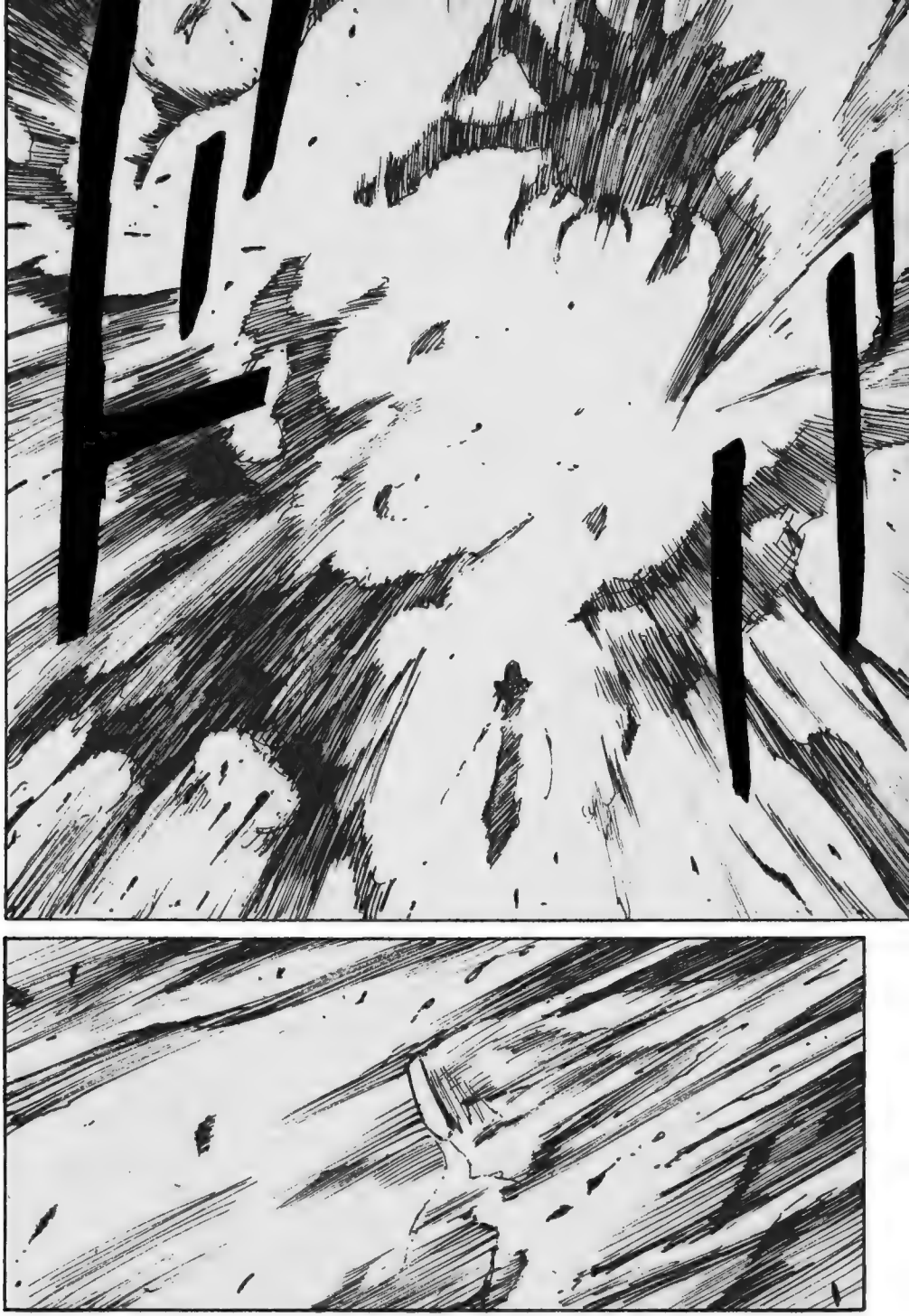
ER
CLUNK

BLORP

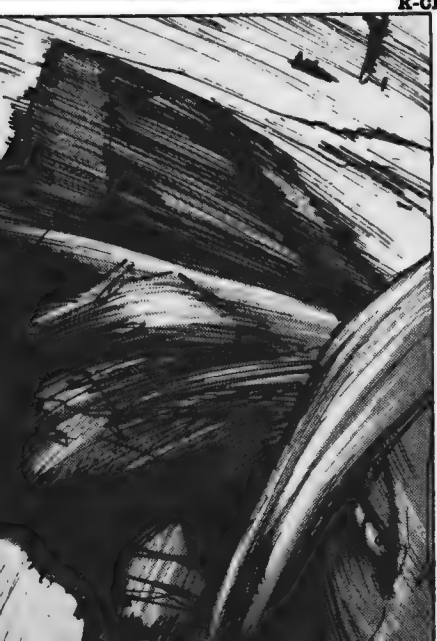


BRRMM

LADY
MENSAB
!!!

SSTHUNK

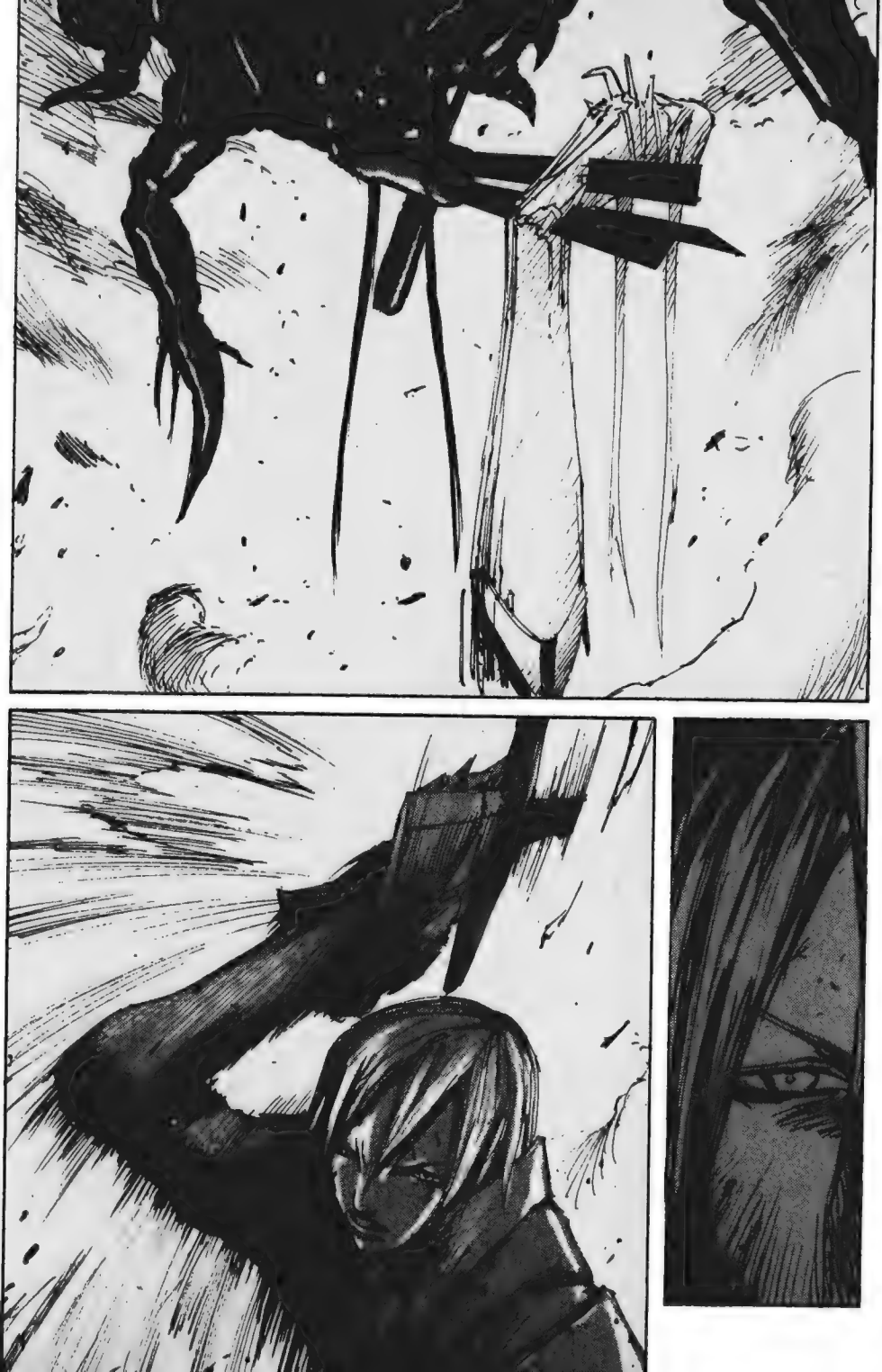
K-CLANG



CLANG

WHOOSH
WHOOSH

BLOOSHHHH

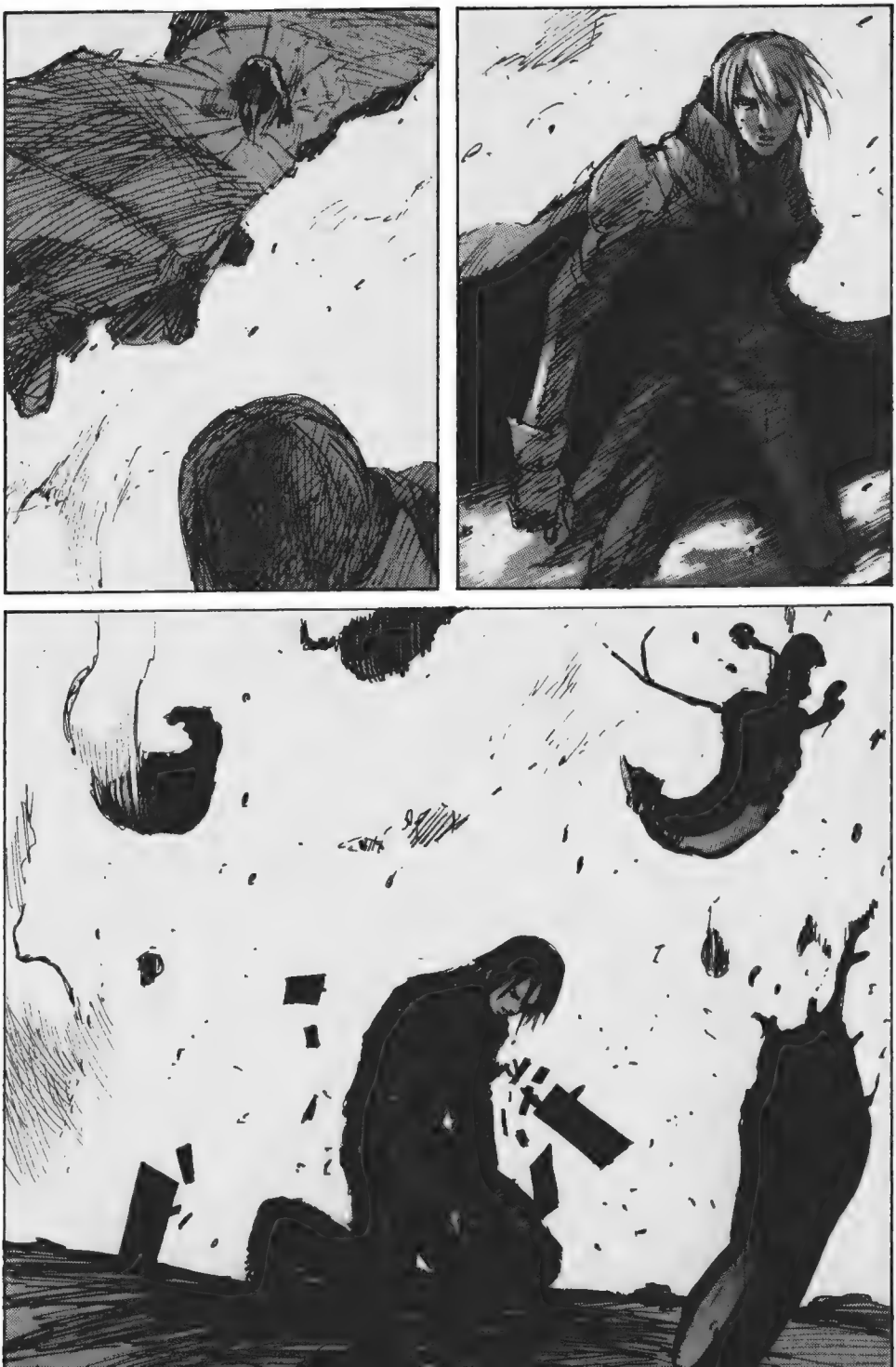


FMM

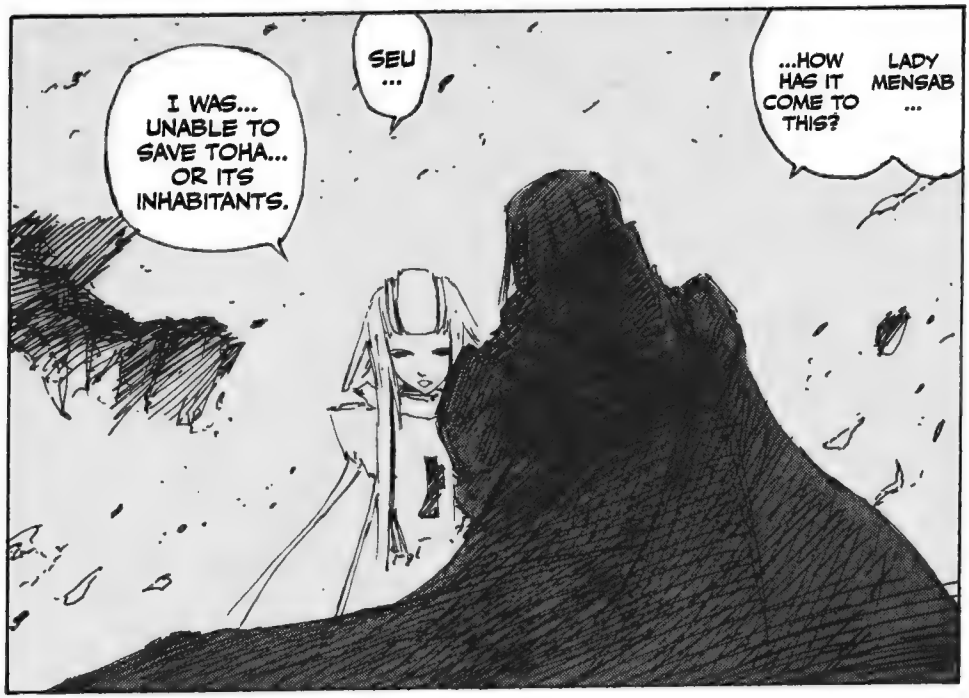
THUKK

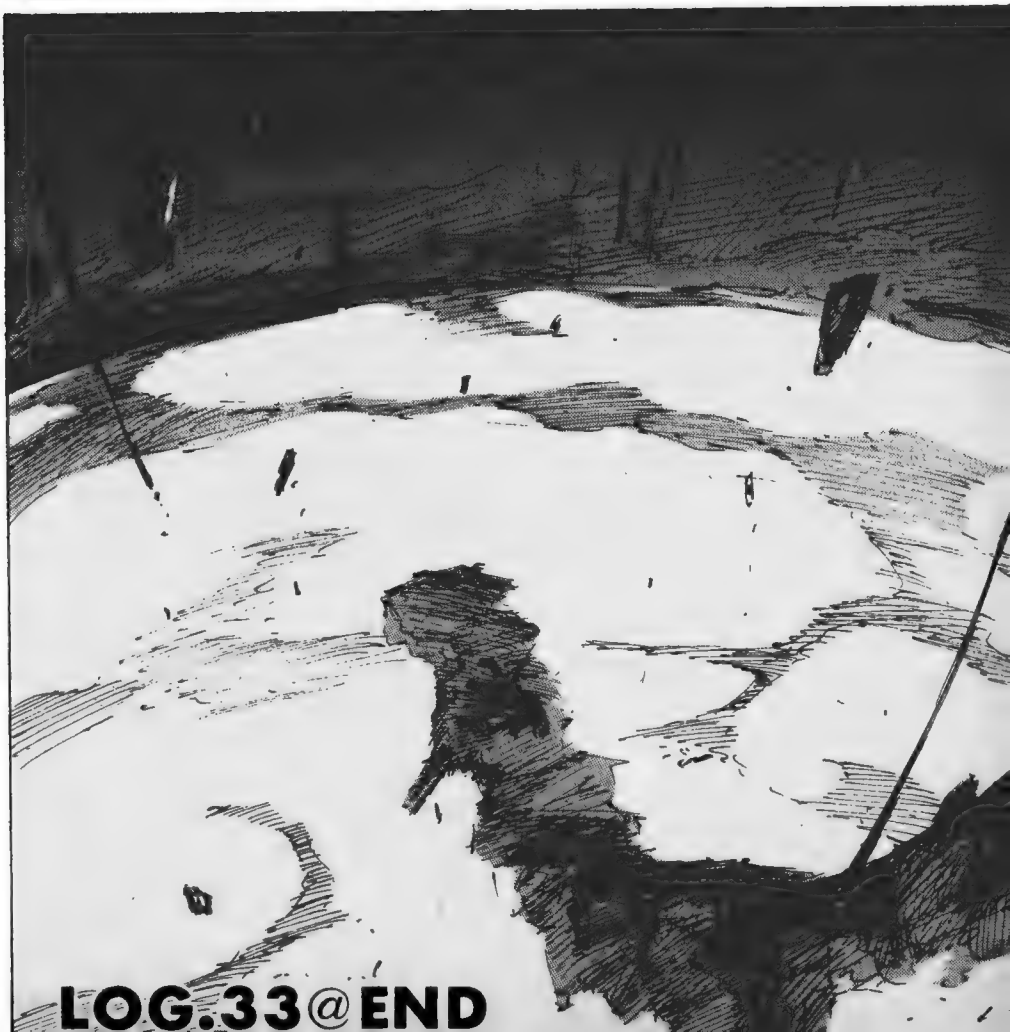
GERR

VWUMM



THUMP


I WAS... UNABLE TO SAVE TOHA... OR ITS INHABITANTS.
SEU ...
...HOW HAS IT COME TO THIS?
LADY MENSAB ...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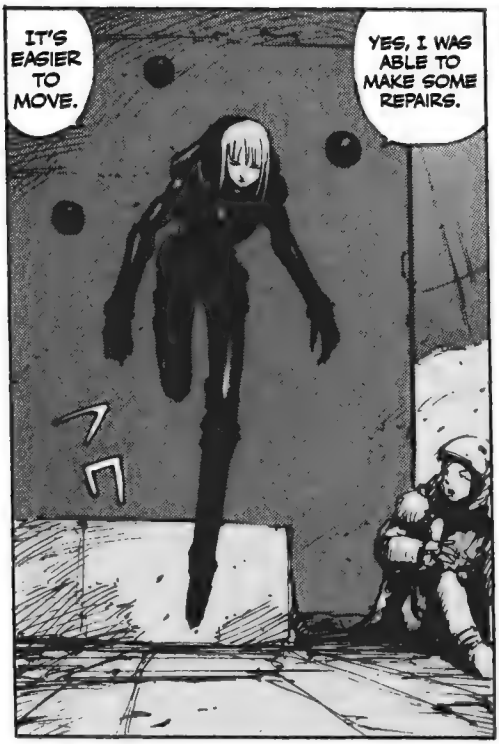
LOG. 34 – Meltdown


IT'S EASIER TO MOVE.
YES, I WAS ABLE TO MAKE SOME REPAIRS.

YOU OKAY?
THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF US.
CLINK

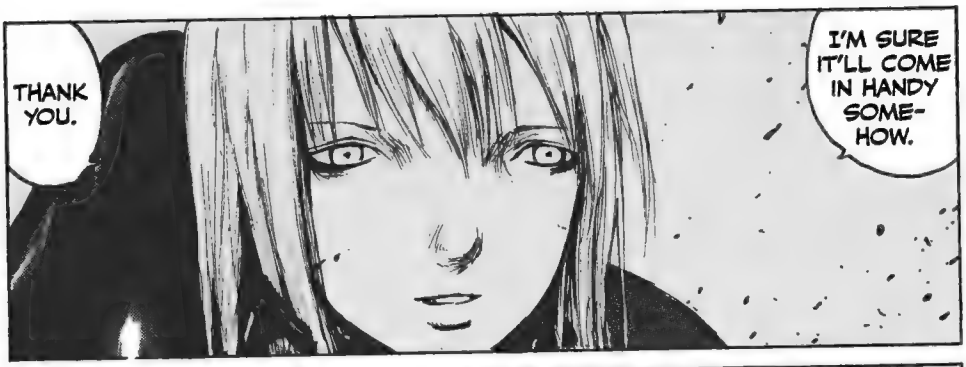
SOME-
THING'S
WRONG.
CIBO...

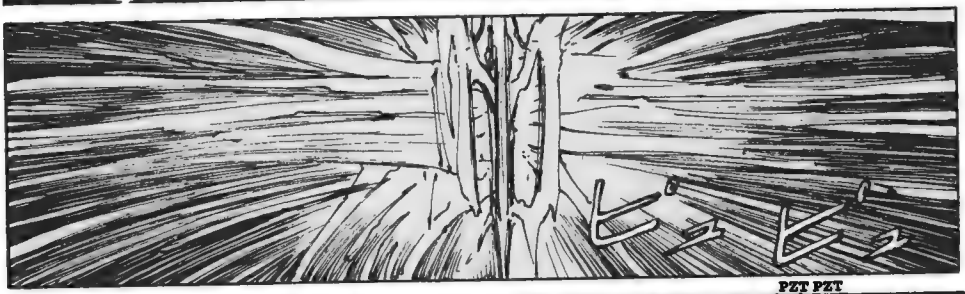
ゴゴオ

RRRUMBLE

IT'S NOT
MUCH USE
TO US,
AFTER
ALL.
FIGURE
SINCE
YOU'RE
ALIVE NOW,
YOU'LL
WANT IT
BACK.

WE LIB-
ERATED THIS
INFO SAMPLE
FROM YOUR
BODY BEFORE
WE ENTERED
TOHA.
HERE.


THANK YOU.
I'M SURE IT'LL COME IN HANDY SOME-HOW.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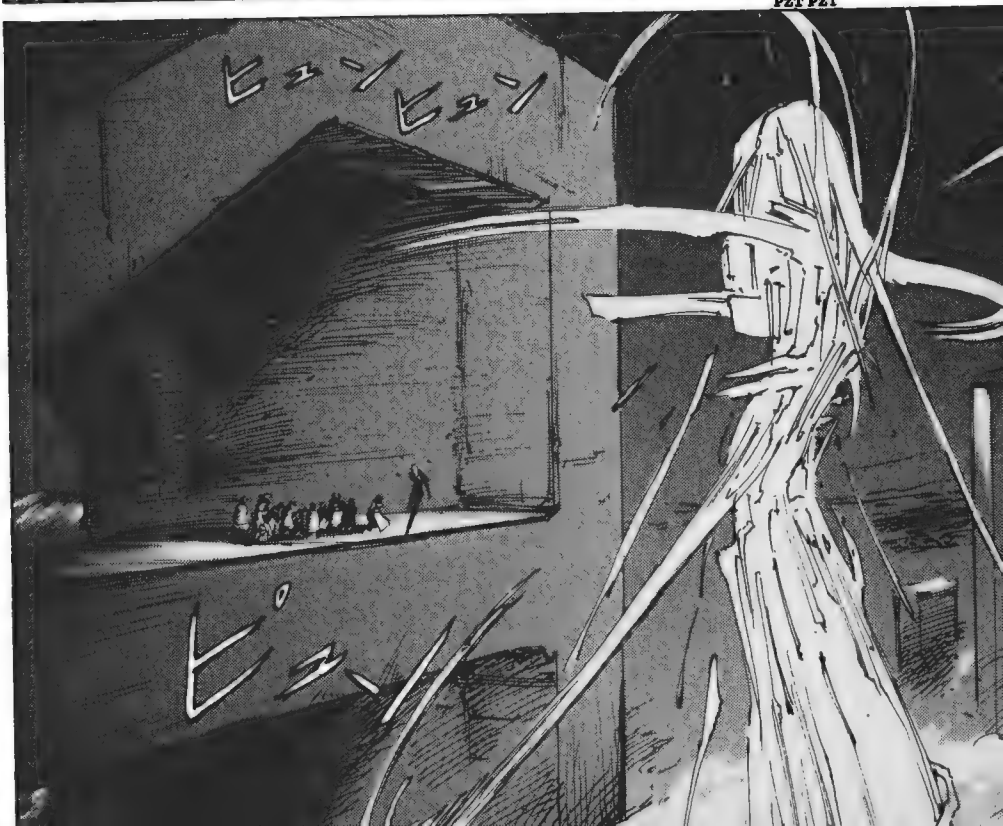
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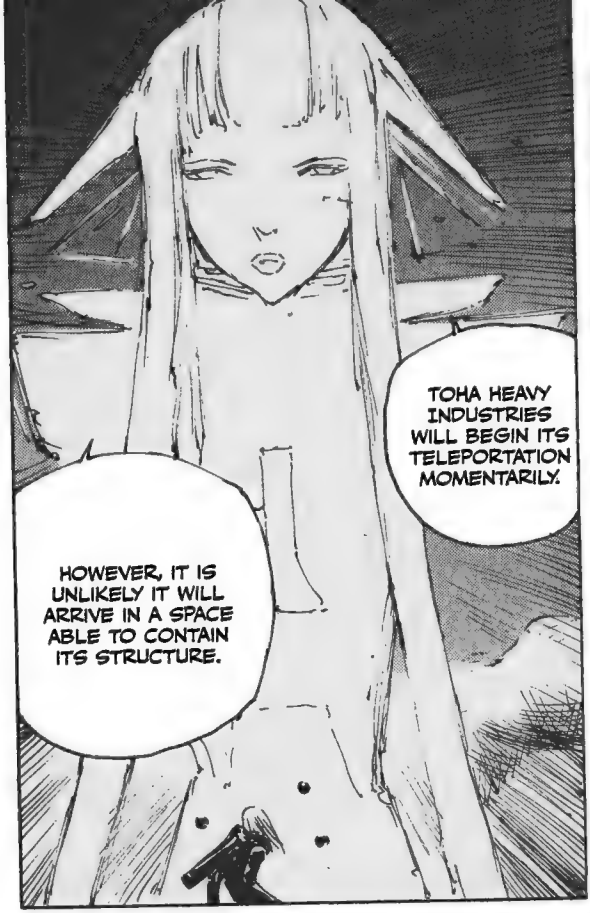
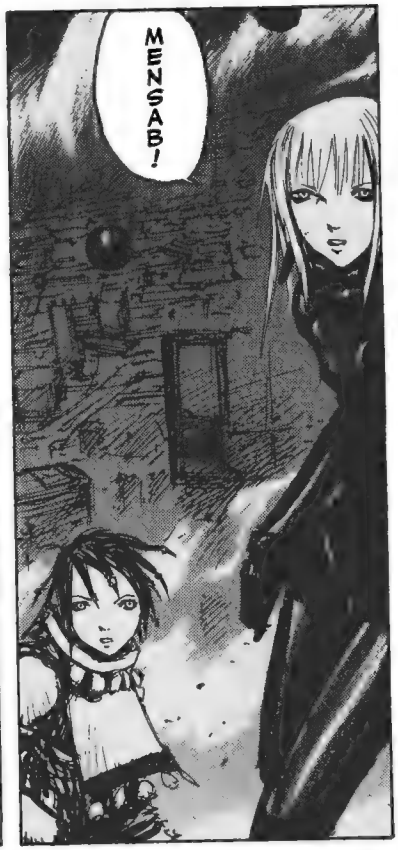
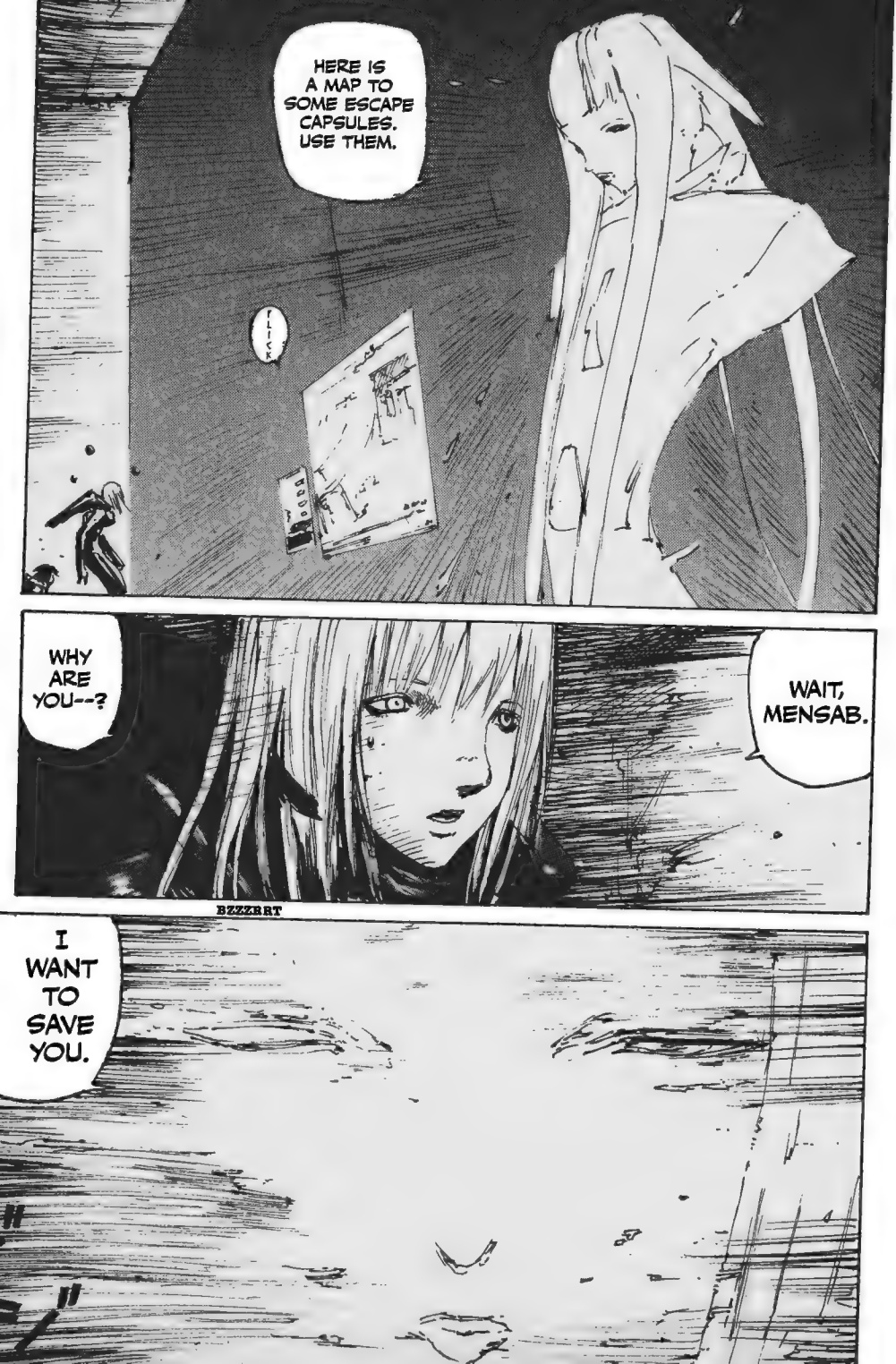

TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES WILL BEGIN ITS TELEPORTATION MOMENTARILY.
HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKELY IT WILL ARRIVE IN A SPACE ABLE TO CONTAIN ITS STRUCTURE.


MENSAB!

PLEASE, MAKE YOUR WAY OUT OF TOHA BEFORE THE PROCESS STARTS ON THE THIRTEENTH CAVE.
IT WILL START FROM THE FIRST CAVE AND MOVE IN ORDER.


HERE IS A MAP TO SOME ESCAPE CAPSULES. USE THEM.
FLICK
WHY ARE YOU--?
WAIT, MENSAB.
BZZZRRT
I WANT TO SAVE YOU.

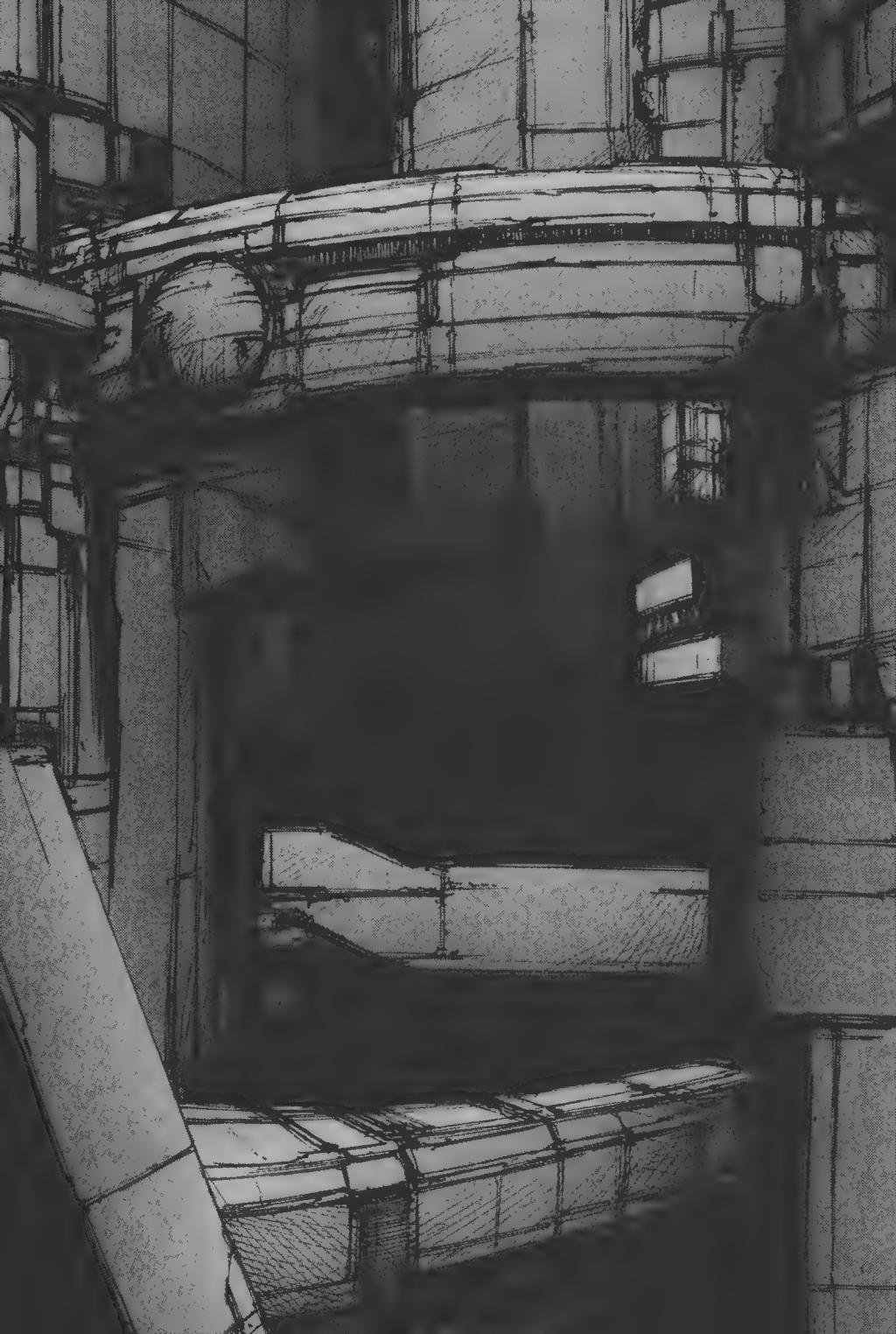
LET'S HURRY.
WE'D BETTER DO AS SHE SAYS.

WHAT WAS THAT?!

...

WHURLLLLL

TINGGGGG
VMMM



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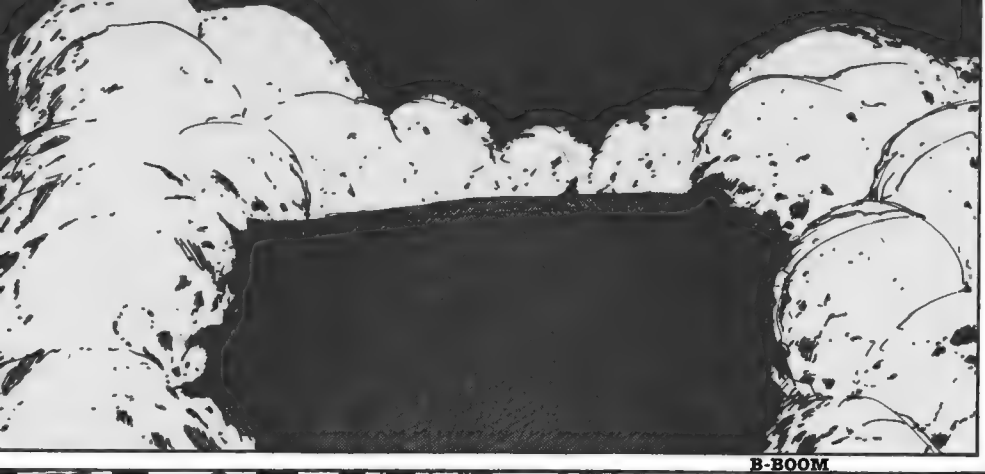
VBMM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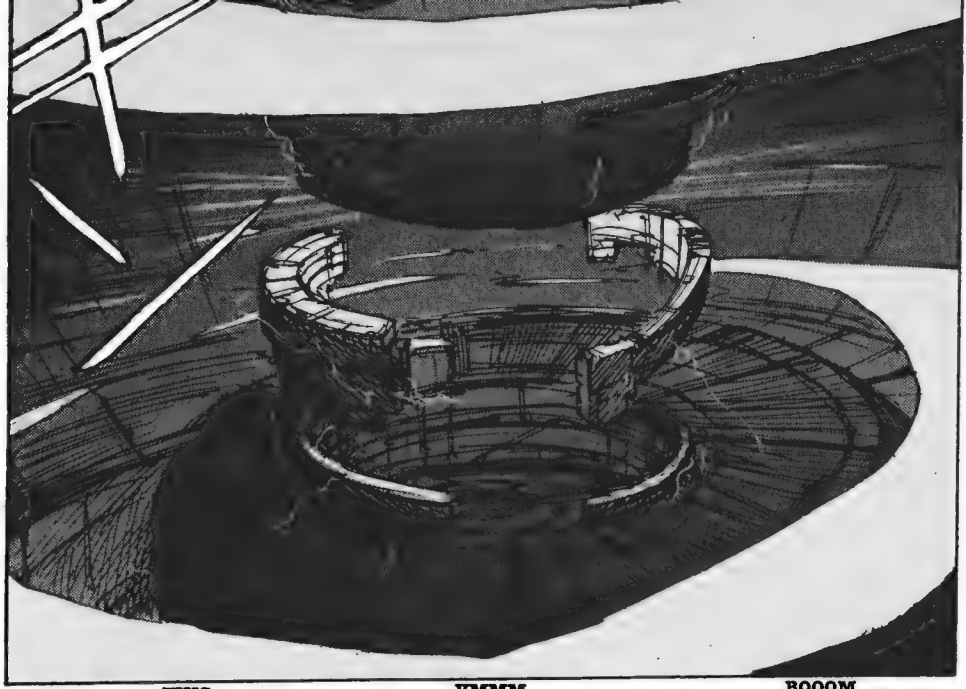

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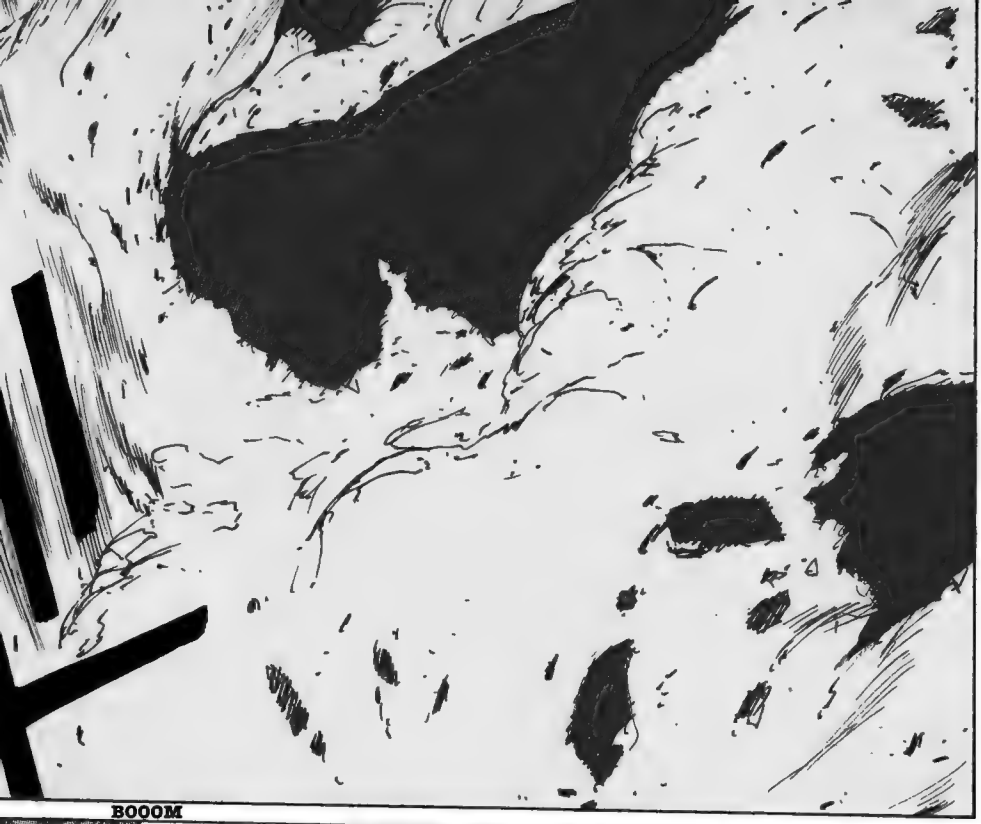
BOOOM

VV-VVMM

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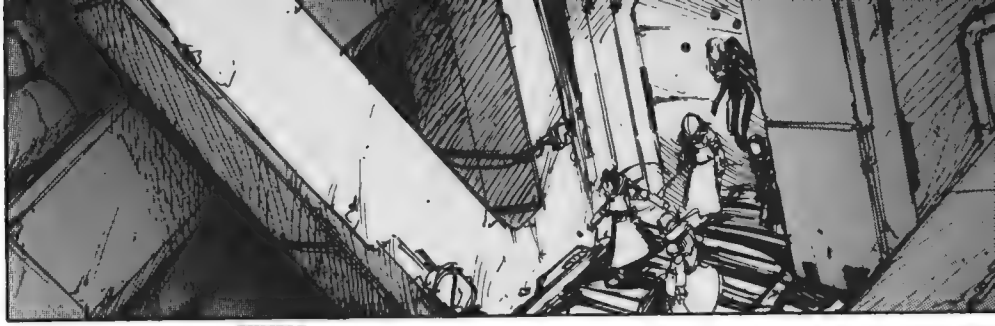
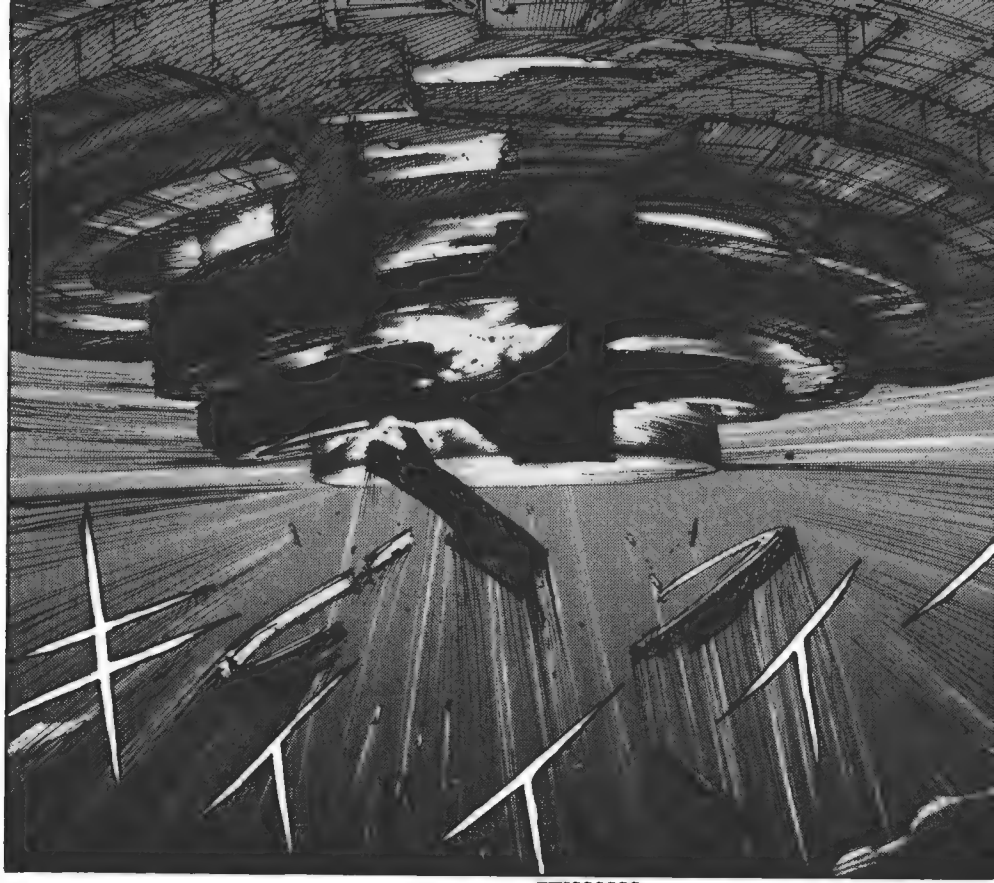


RUMBLE

IT WON'T OPEN!
SHHKK
LET ME.



TINGGGGGG

BSHUM

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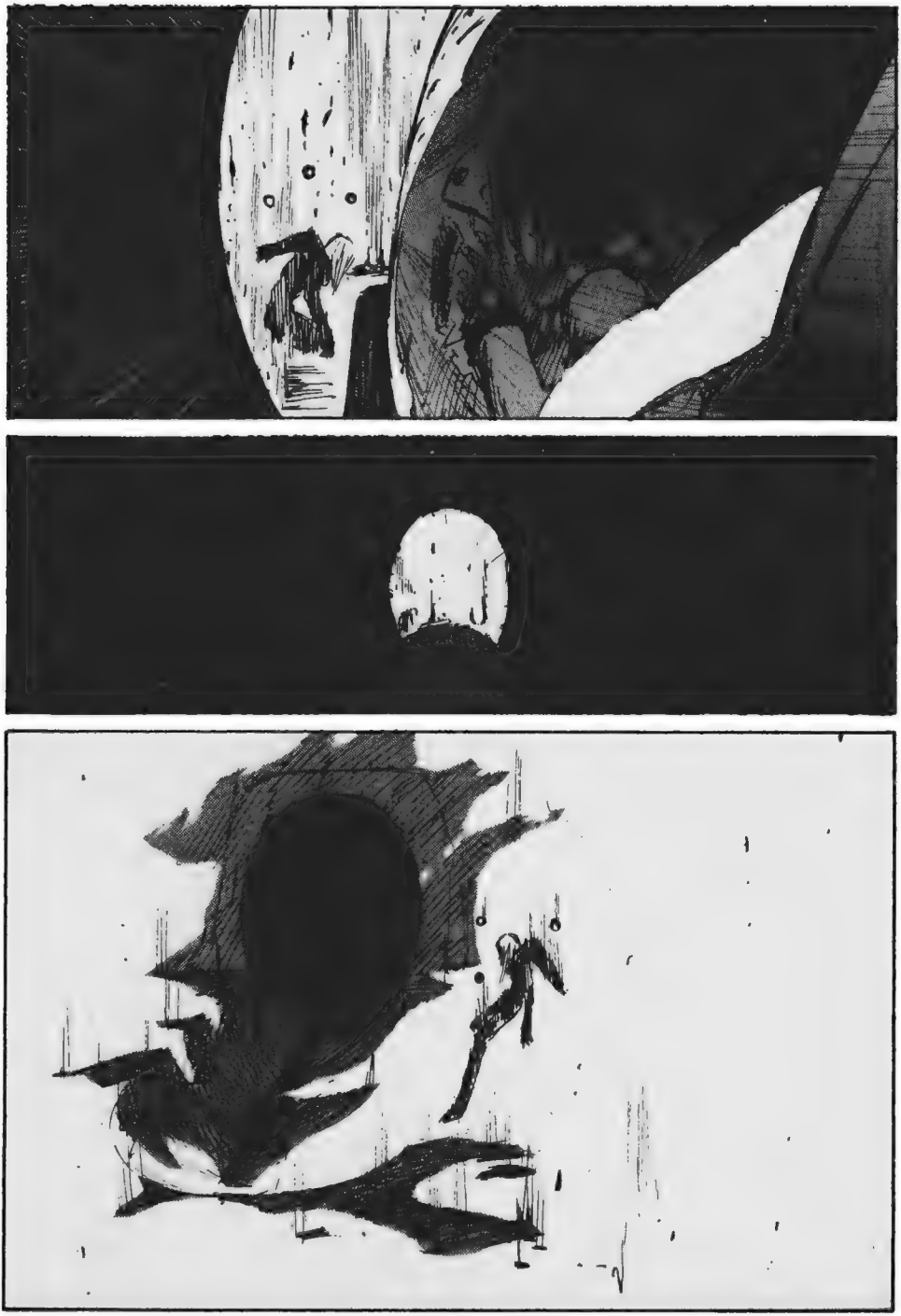
HURRY, GET IN!

CIBO!

BSHUM
AH!
TIK
FLOP
CRUNK

SHMMM

VRRRRR



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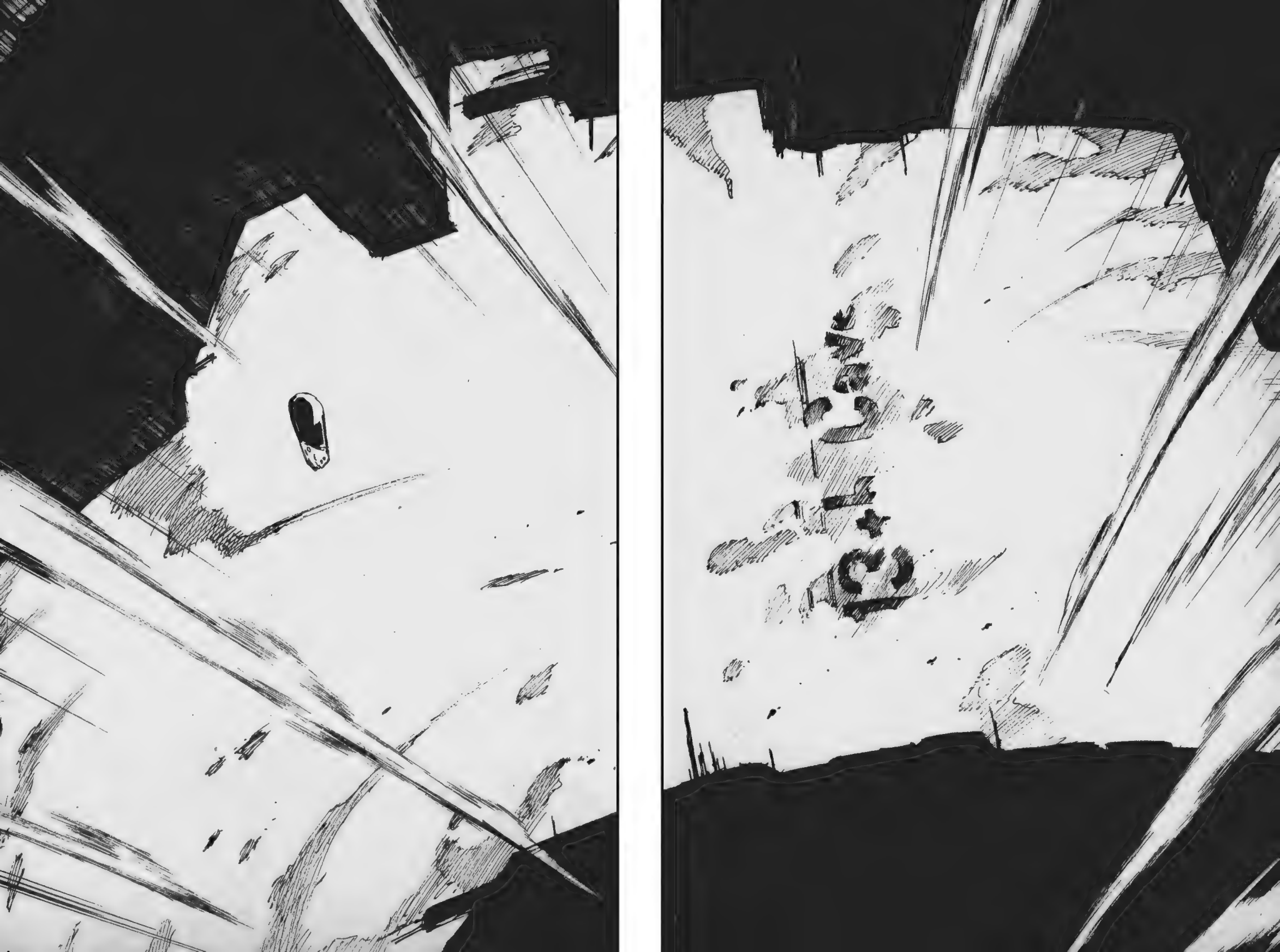

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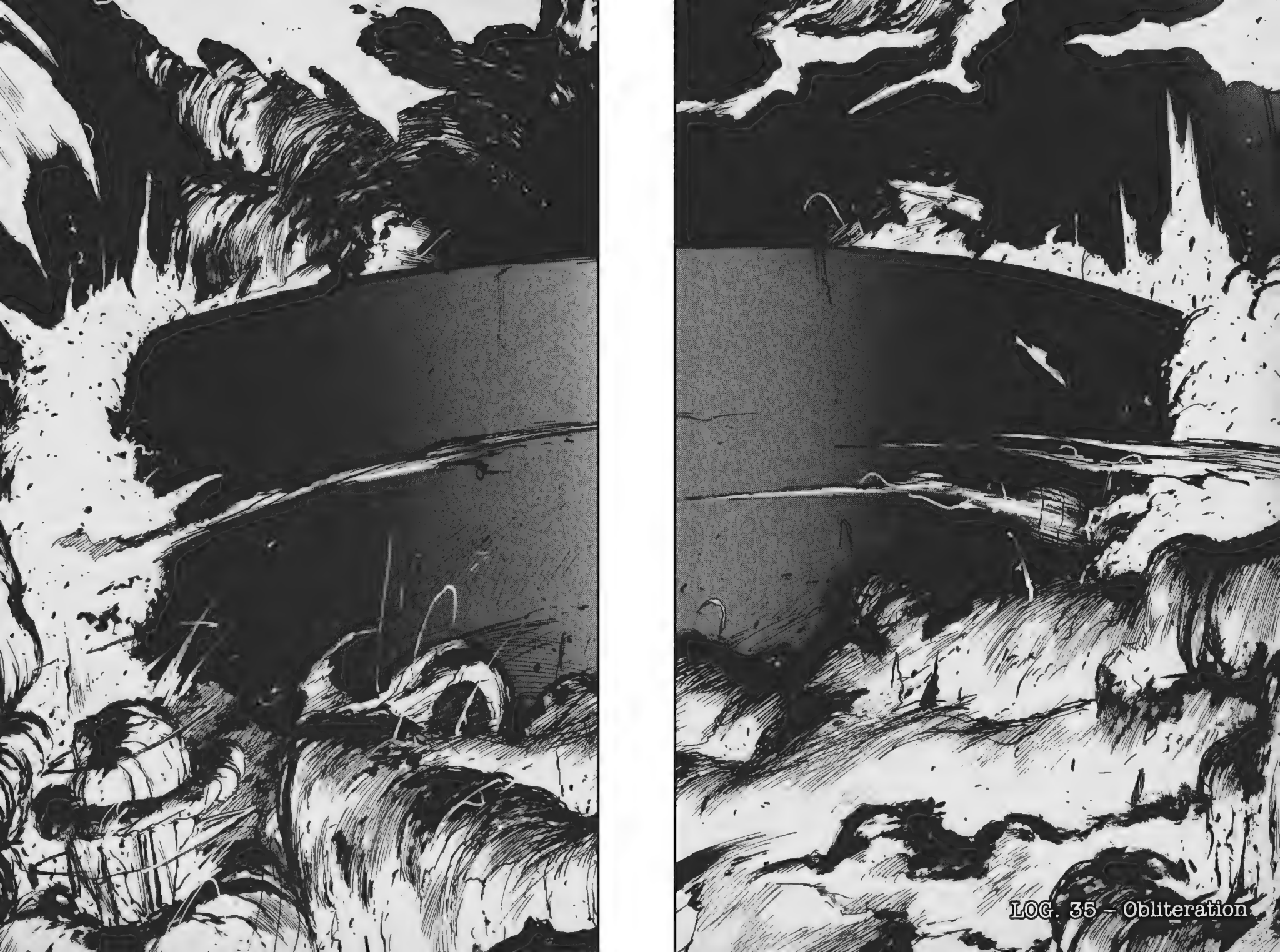
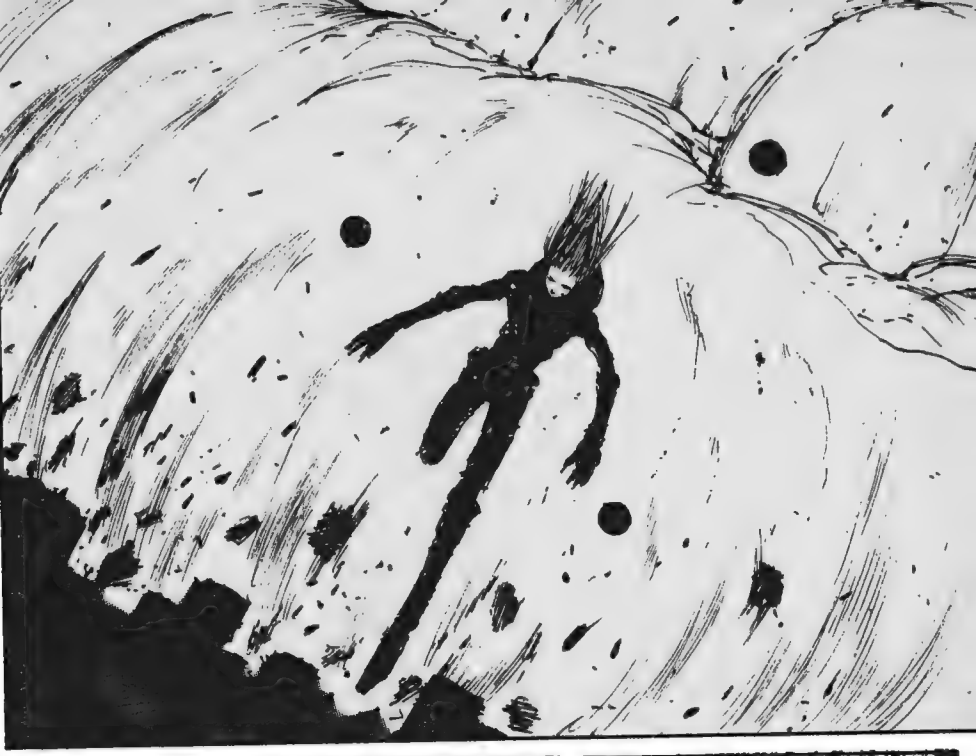

LOG. 35 – Obliteration

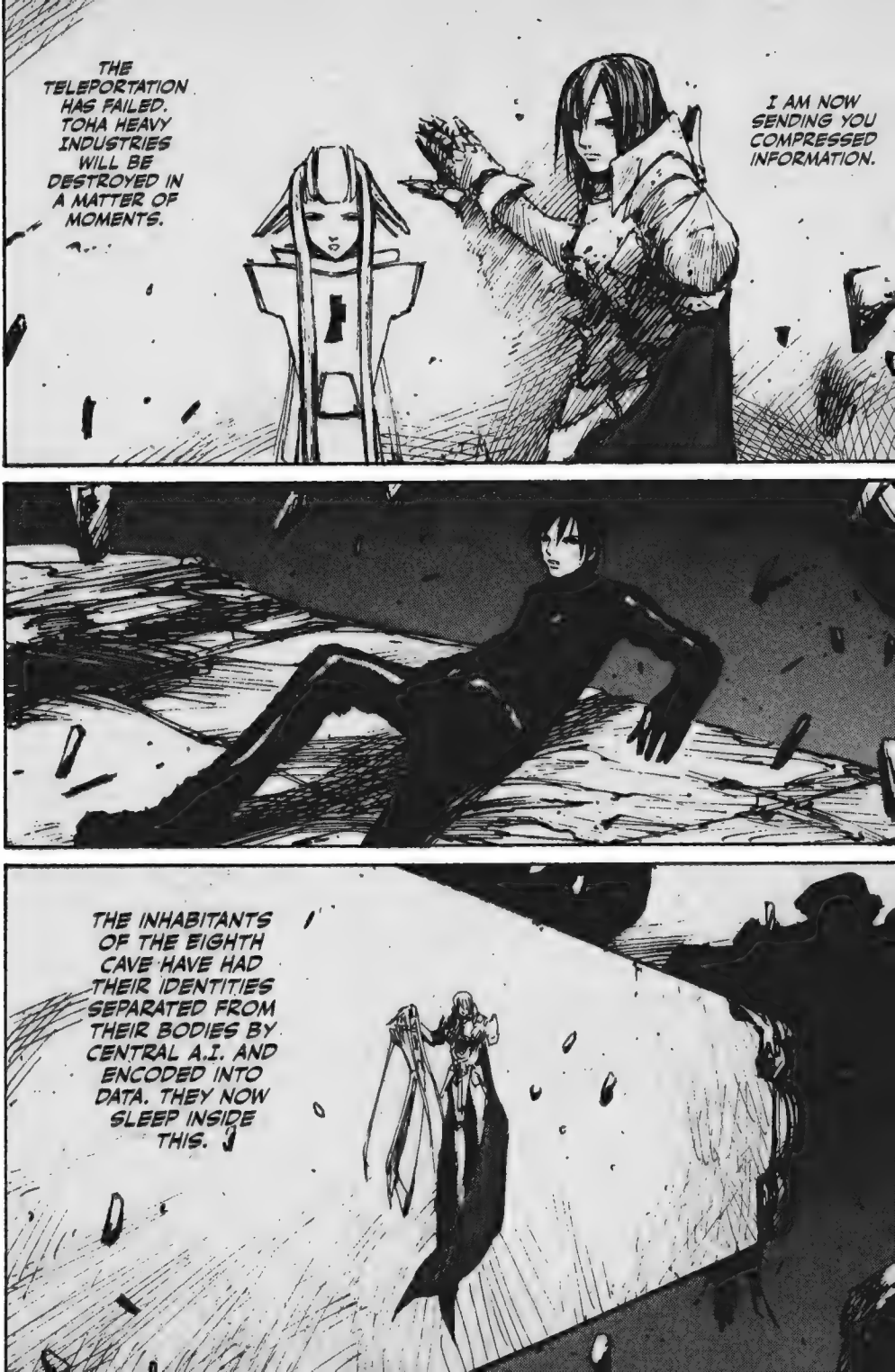
I CAN STILL FIND SOME LEADS ON THE NET TERMINAL GENES.
BUT THERE'S STILL TIME. KILLY AND MENSAB SHOULD BE IN THE HIGHER LEVELS.
I WAS AFRAID OF THAT...
WHIRR

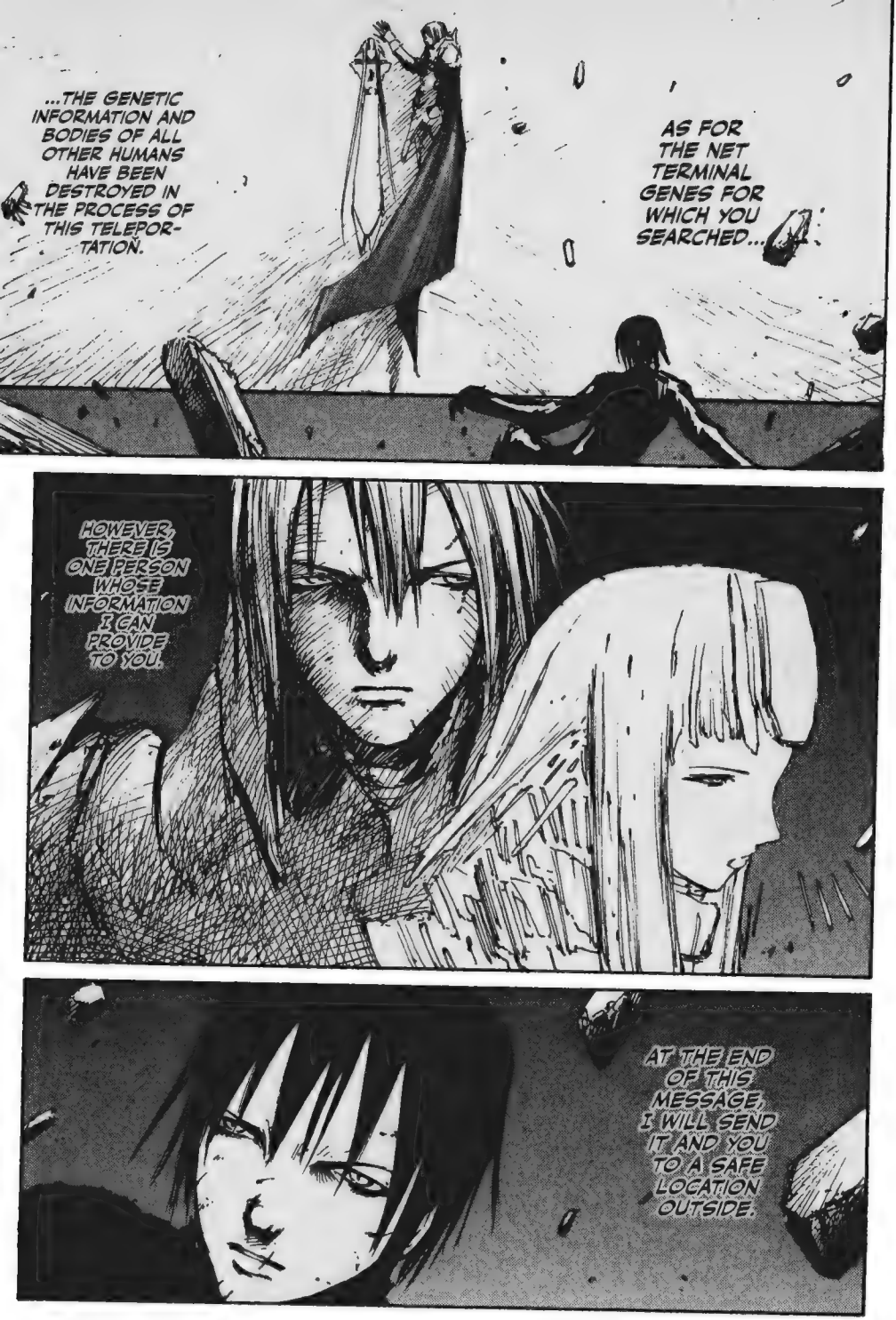


KA-BOOM

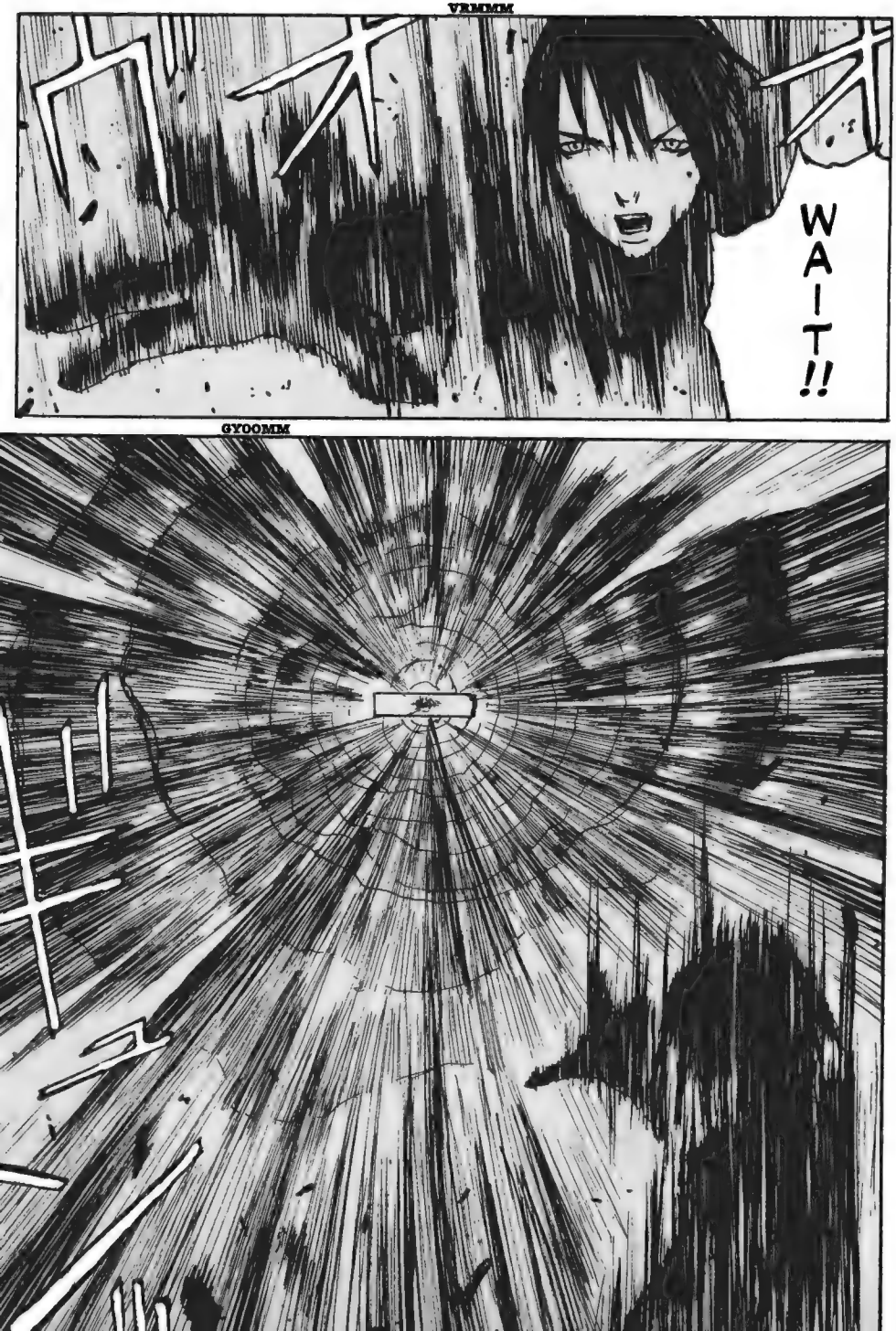
RMMM

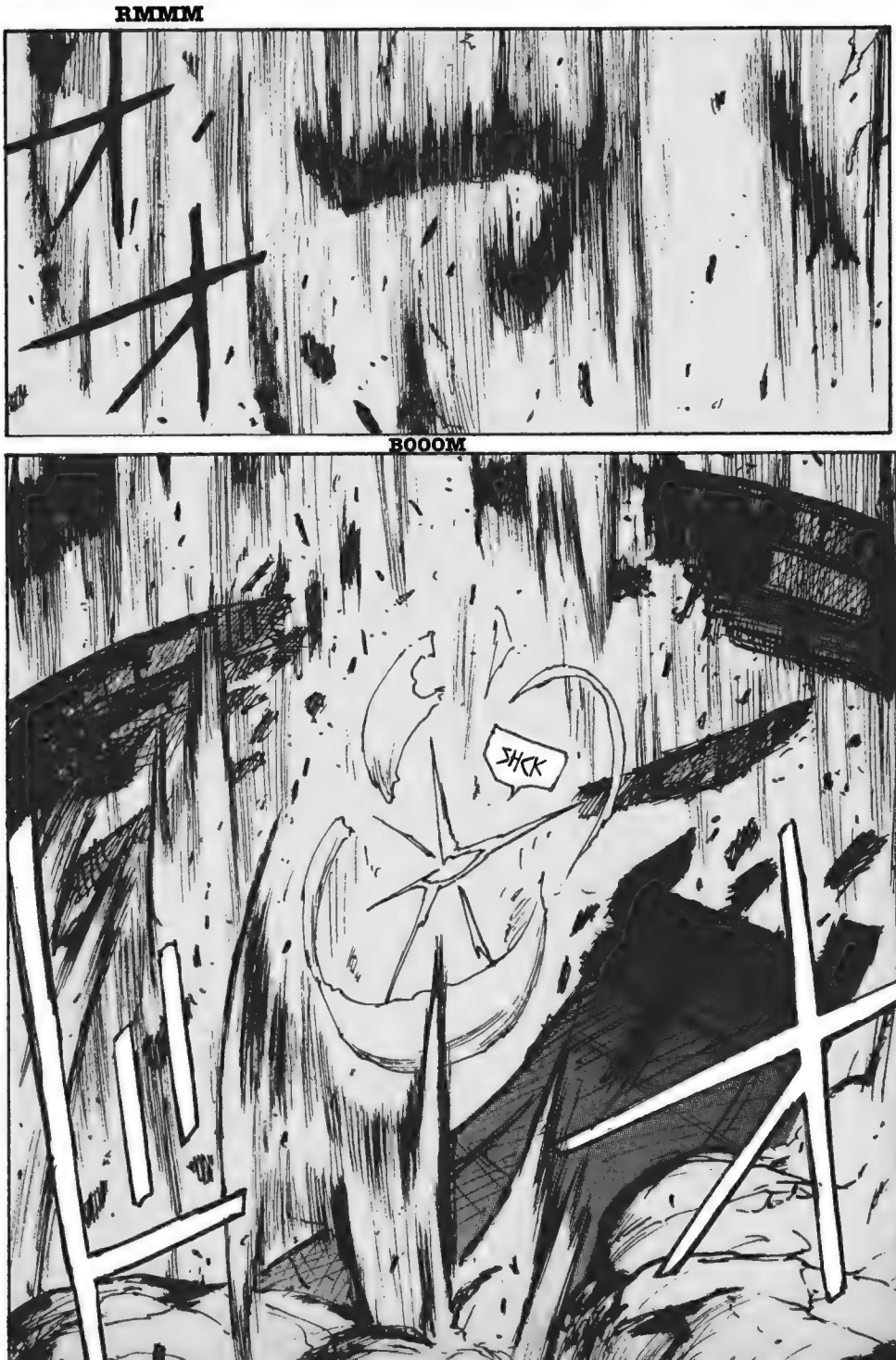
SH-CHUNK


THE TELEPORTATION HAS FAILED. TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES WILL BE DESTROYED IN A MATTER OF MOMENTS.
I AM NOW SENDING YOU COMPRESSED INFORMATION.
THE INHABITANTS OF THE EIGHTH CAVE HAVE HAD THEIR IDENTITIES SEPARATED FROM THEIR BODIES BY CENTRAL A.I. AND ENCODED INTO DATA. THEY NOW SLEEP INSIDE THIS.


...THE GENETIC INFORMATION AND BODIES OF ALL OTHER HUMANS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN THE PROCESS OF THIS TELEPORTATION.
AS FOR THE NET TERMINAL GENES FOR WHICH YOU SEARCHED...
HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE PERSON WHOSE INFORMATION I CAN PROVIDE TO YOU.
AT THE END OF THIS MESSAGE, I WILL SEND IT AND YOU TO A SAFE LOCATION OUTSIDE.

WE WILL NOW ENTER A SPACE-TIME RIFT.
IT WILL SURELY TAKE A NEAR-INDEFINITE AMOUNT OF TIME TO REVIVE MY INHABITANT HUMANS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF TOHA.
RMBBB
B-BOOM
WHRRRR


VRMMM
WAIT!!
GYOOMM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SHCK

THUD

TNGG

BMBB

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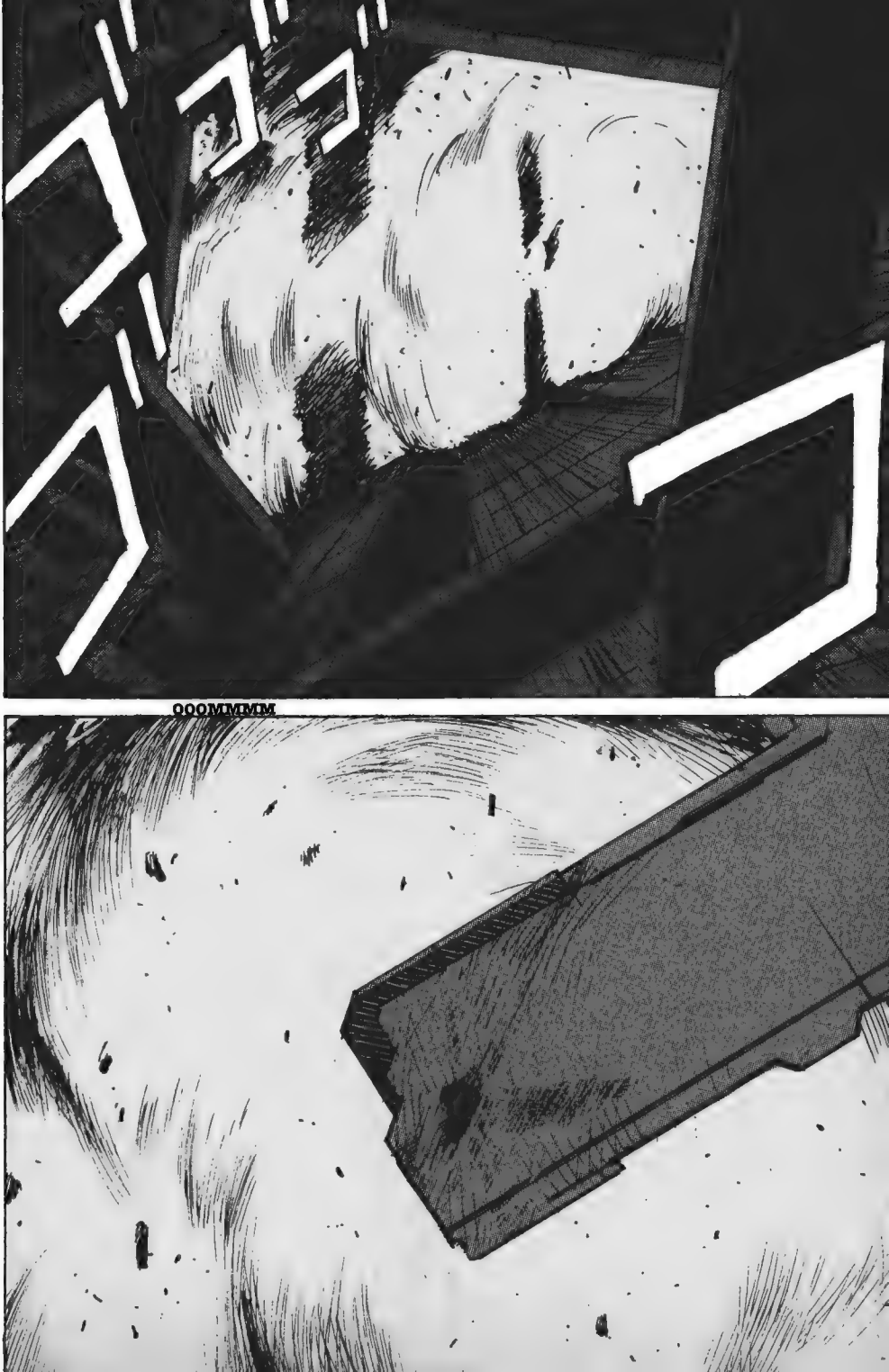
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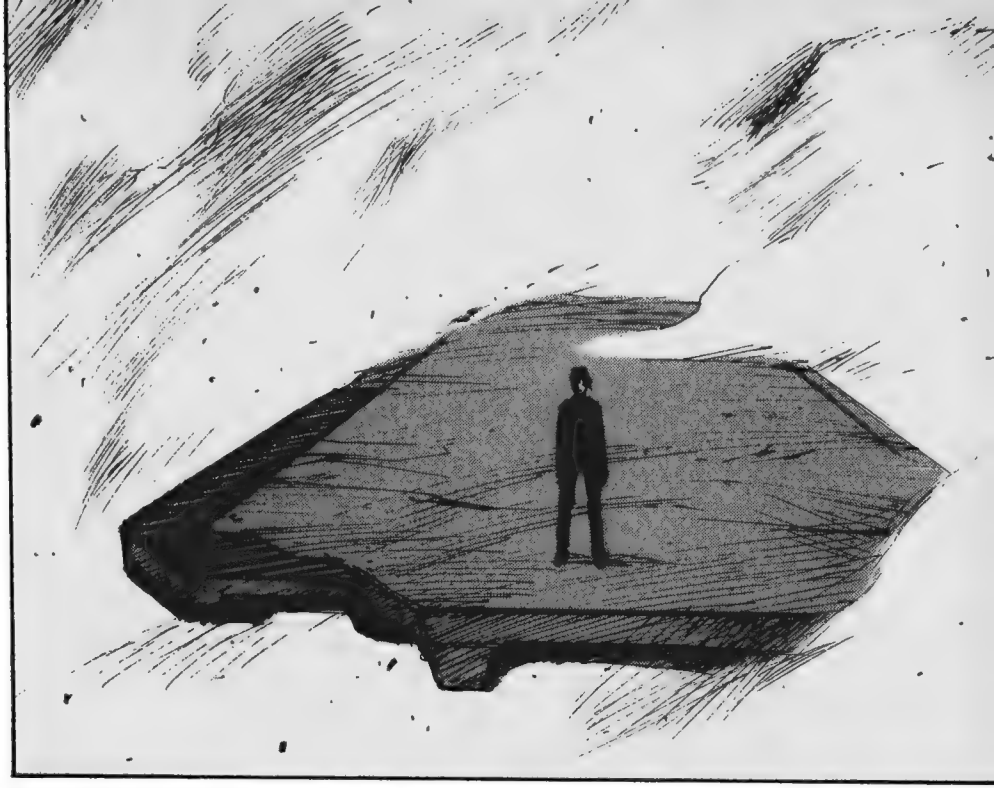
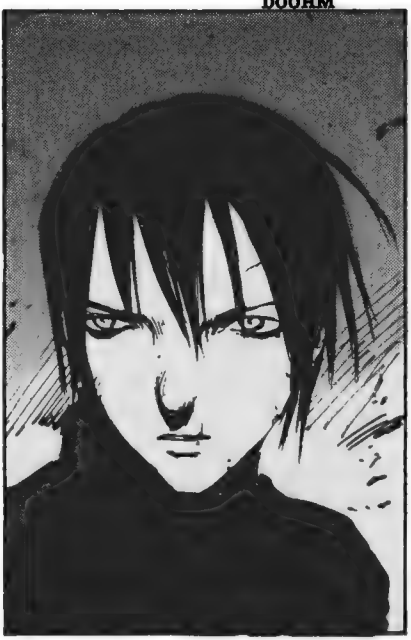
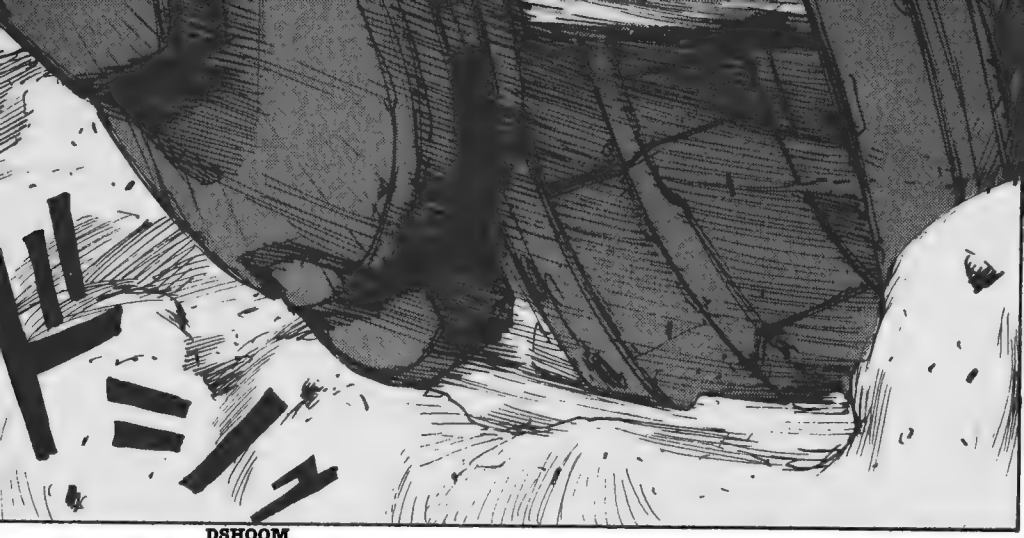


DOOHM

CLANK
CLANK





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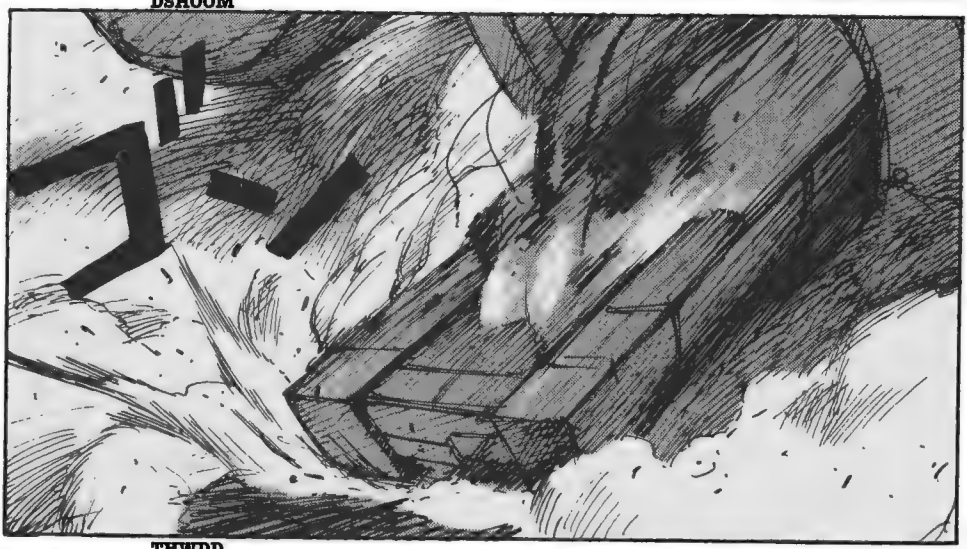

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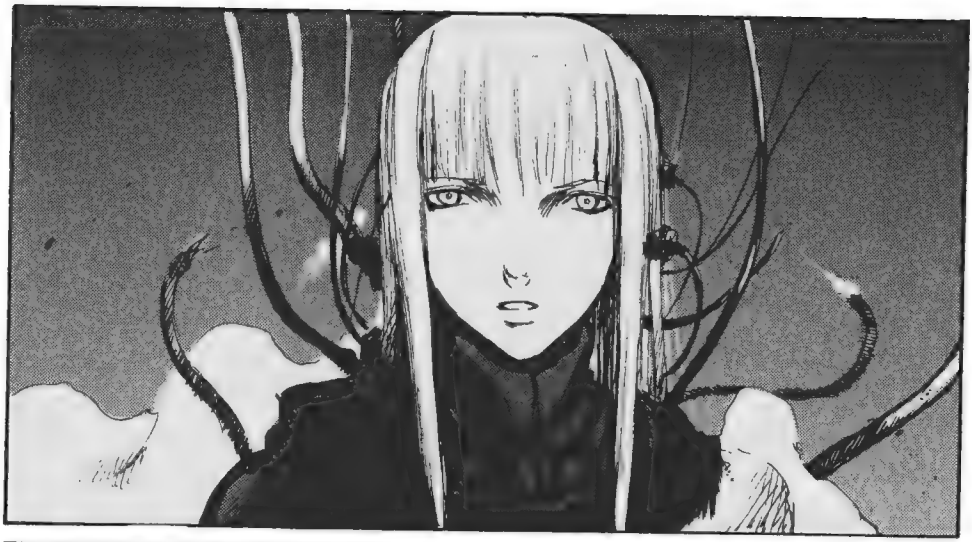
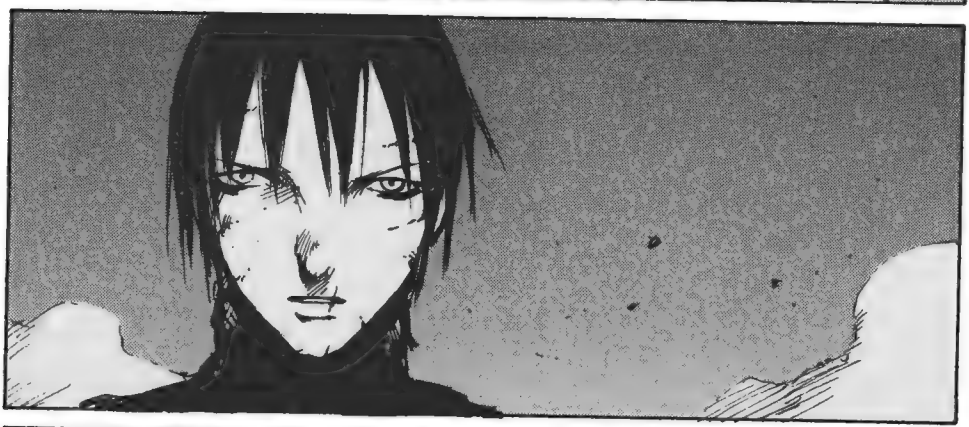
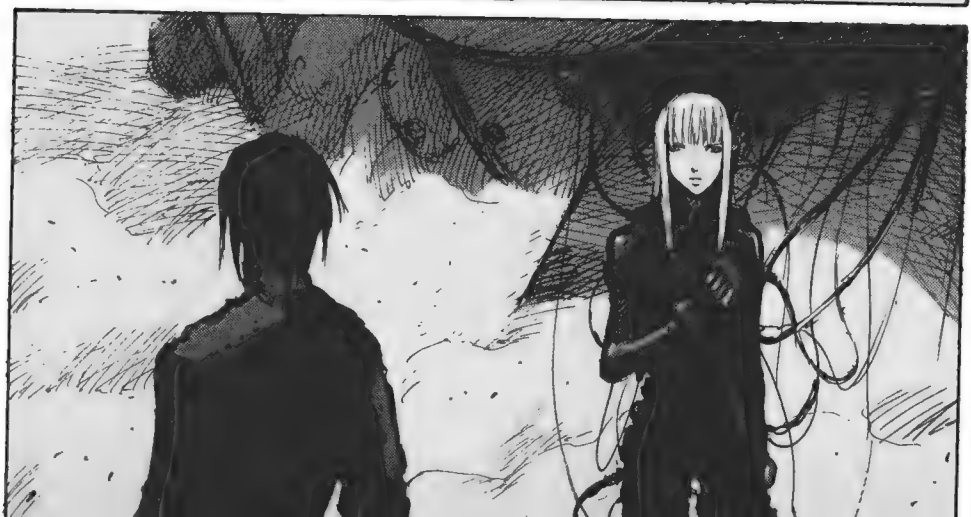
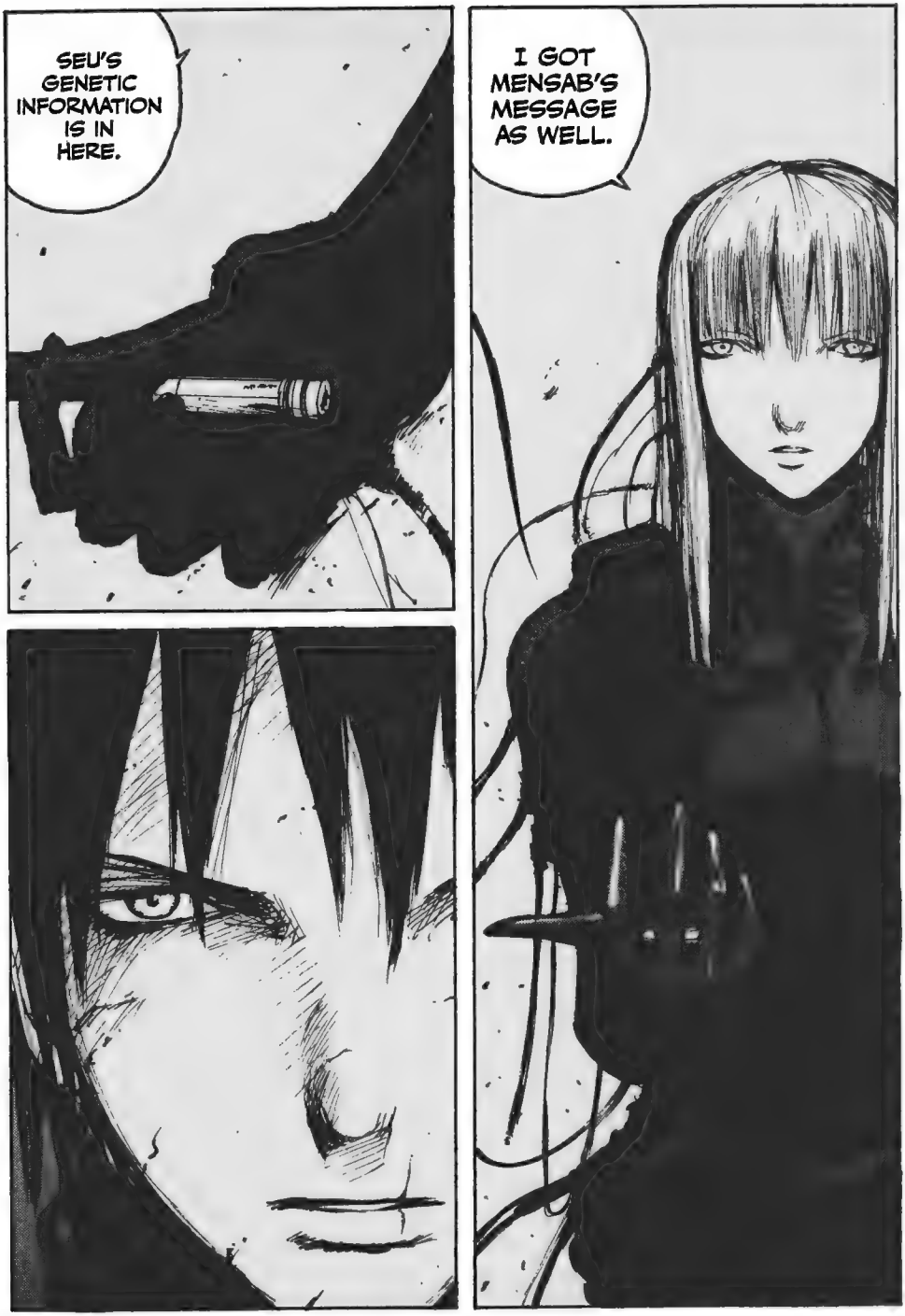


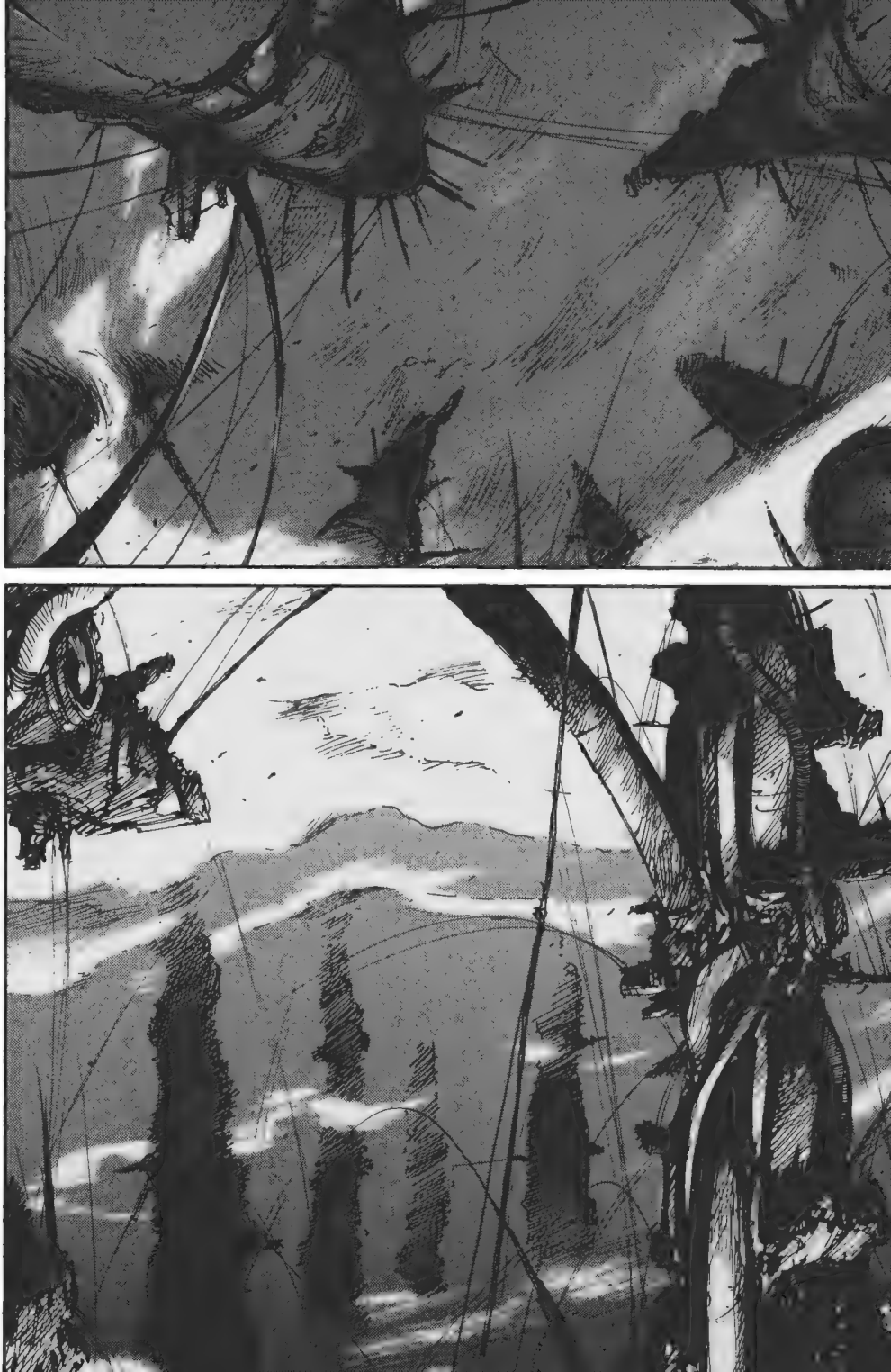





SEU'S GENETIC INFORMATION IS IN HERE.
I GOT MENSAB'S MESSAGE AS WELL.

AND WE ARE...WHO KNOWS HOW FAR AWAY.
.....
TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES IS GONE, KILLY.
FIRST THING WE SHOULD DO IS LOOK AT SEU'S GENETIC DATA.

LOG.35@END



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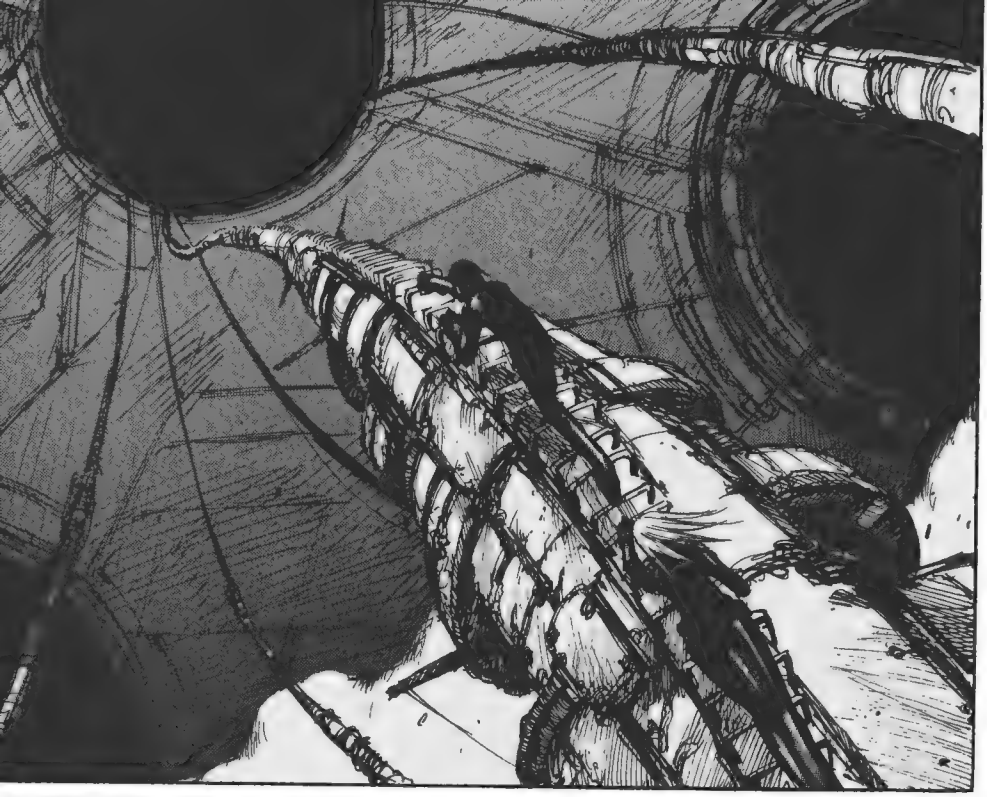
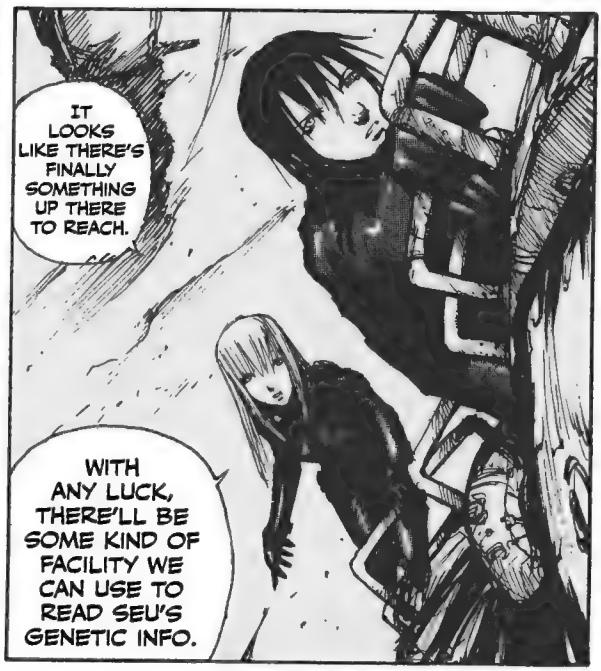
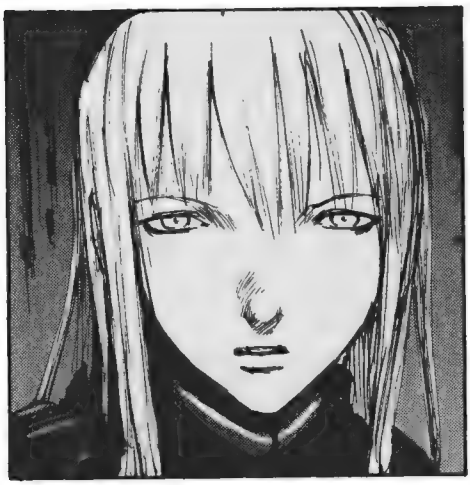
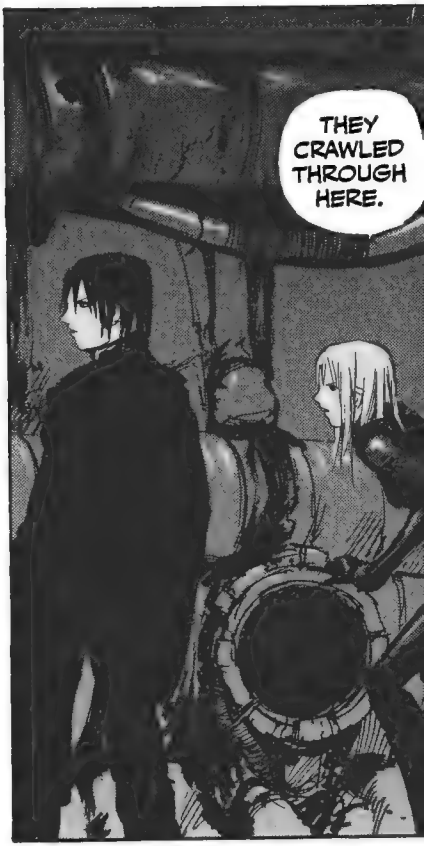
Beautiful Life




IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S FINALLY SOMETHING UP THERE TO REACH.
WITH ANY LUCK, THERE'LL BE SOME KIND OF FACILITY WE CAN USE TO READ SEU'S GENETIC INFO.



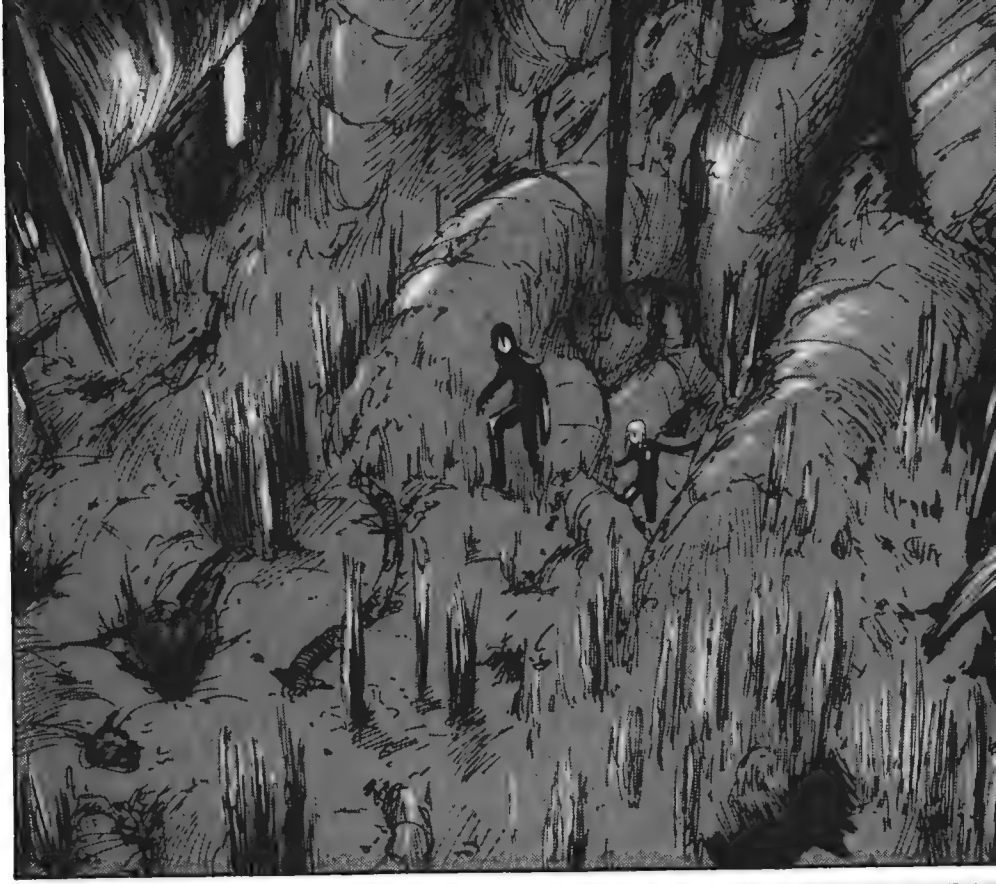
CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK
I DIDN'T GET ENOUGH TIME TO SCAN. LET'S FOLLOW THEM.
KILLY! DID YOU READ ANY NET TERMINAL GENES IN THOSE KIDS?!


THEY CRAWLED THROUGH HERE.

CRUNCH
SLAM

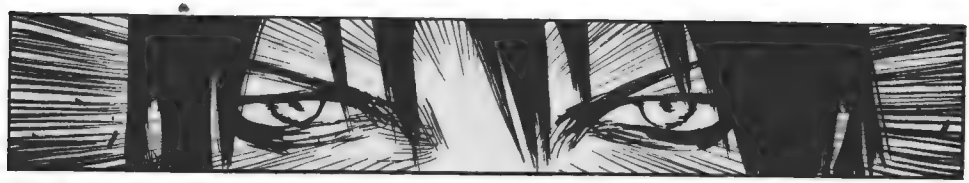
GLURCH!

!
CRUNCH



MRR

SLAM



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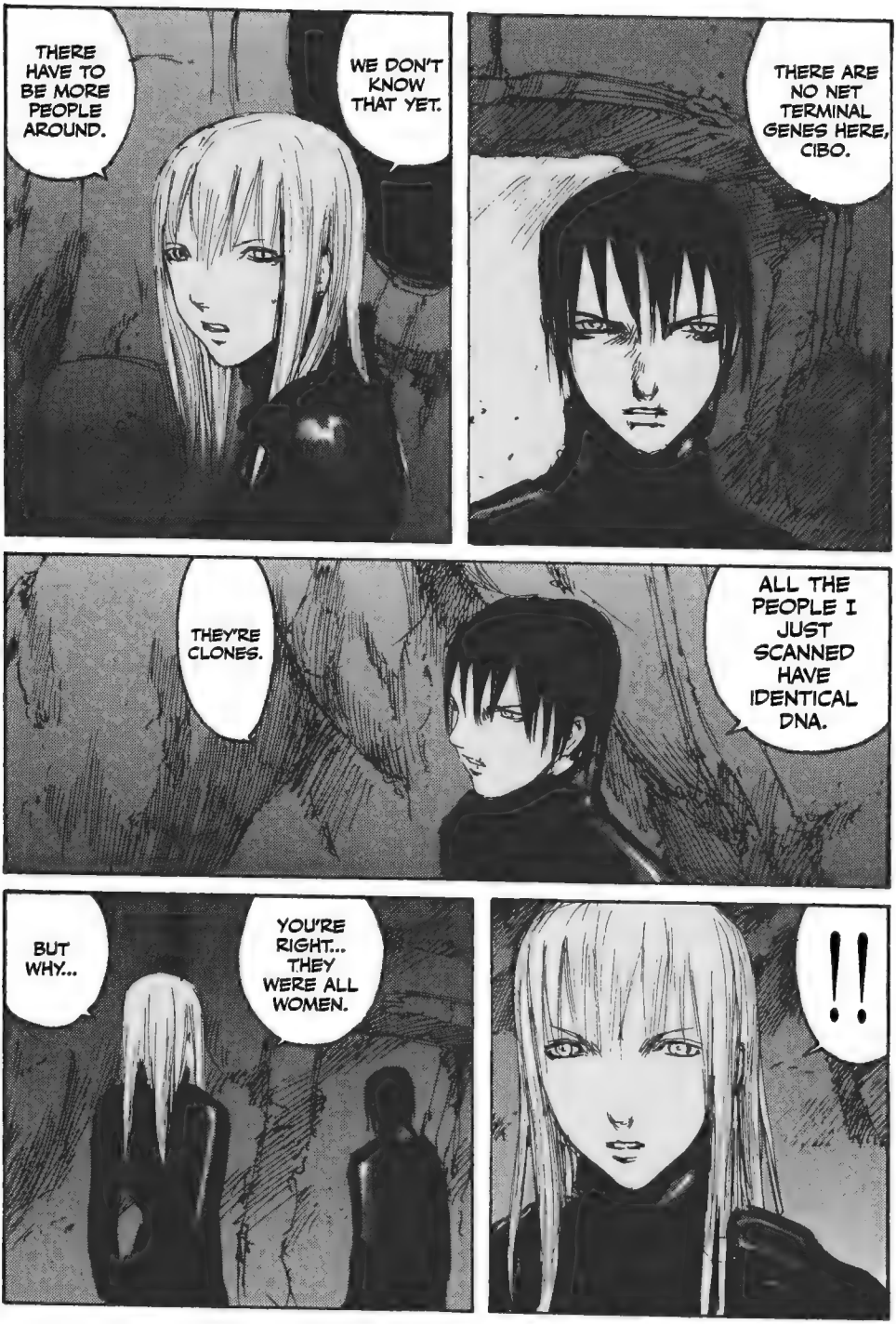
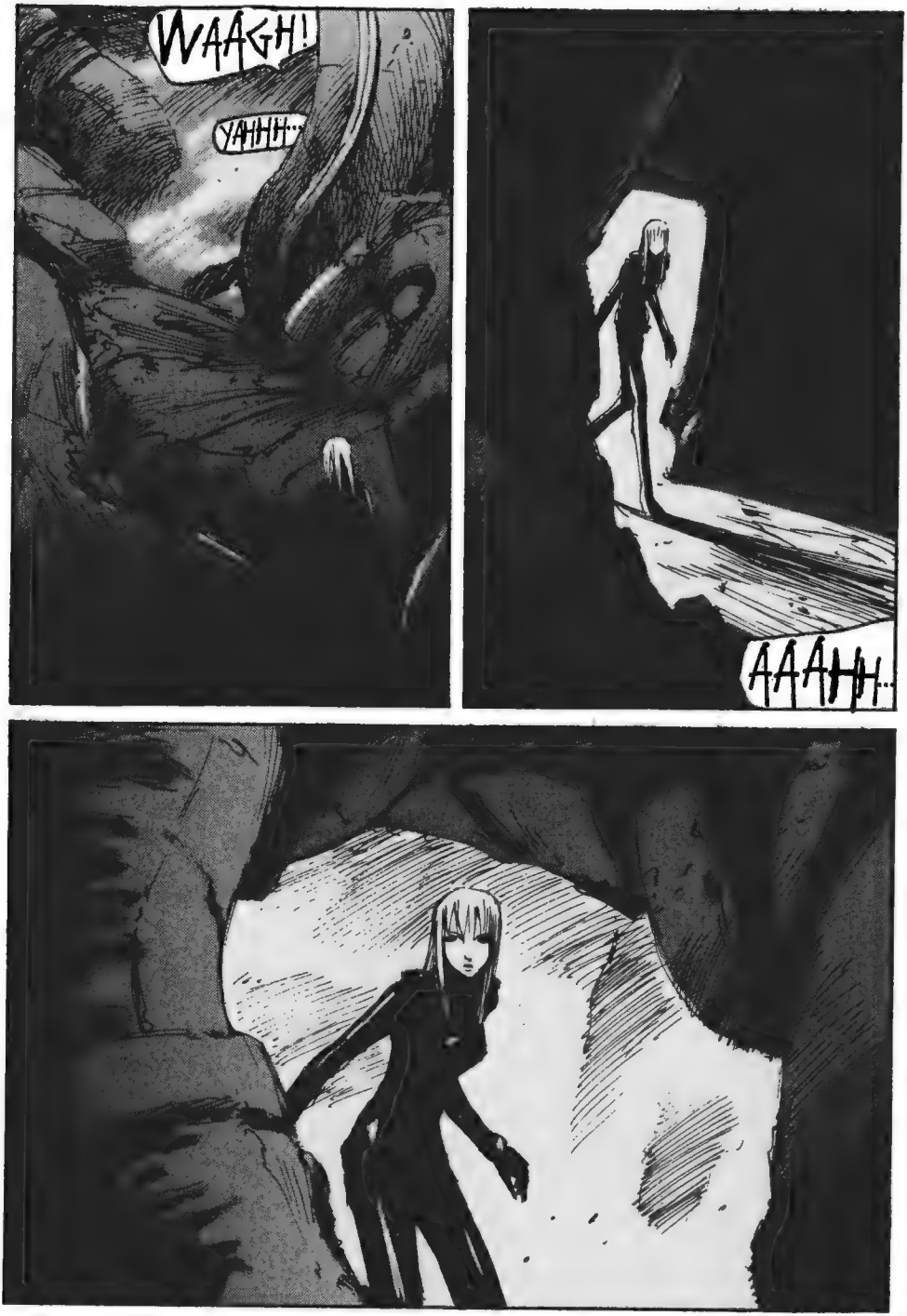
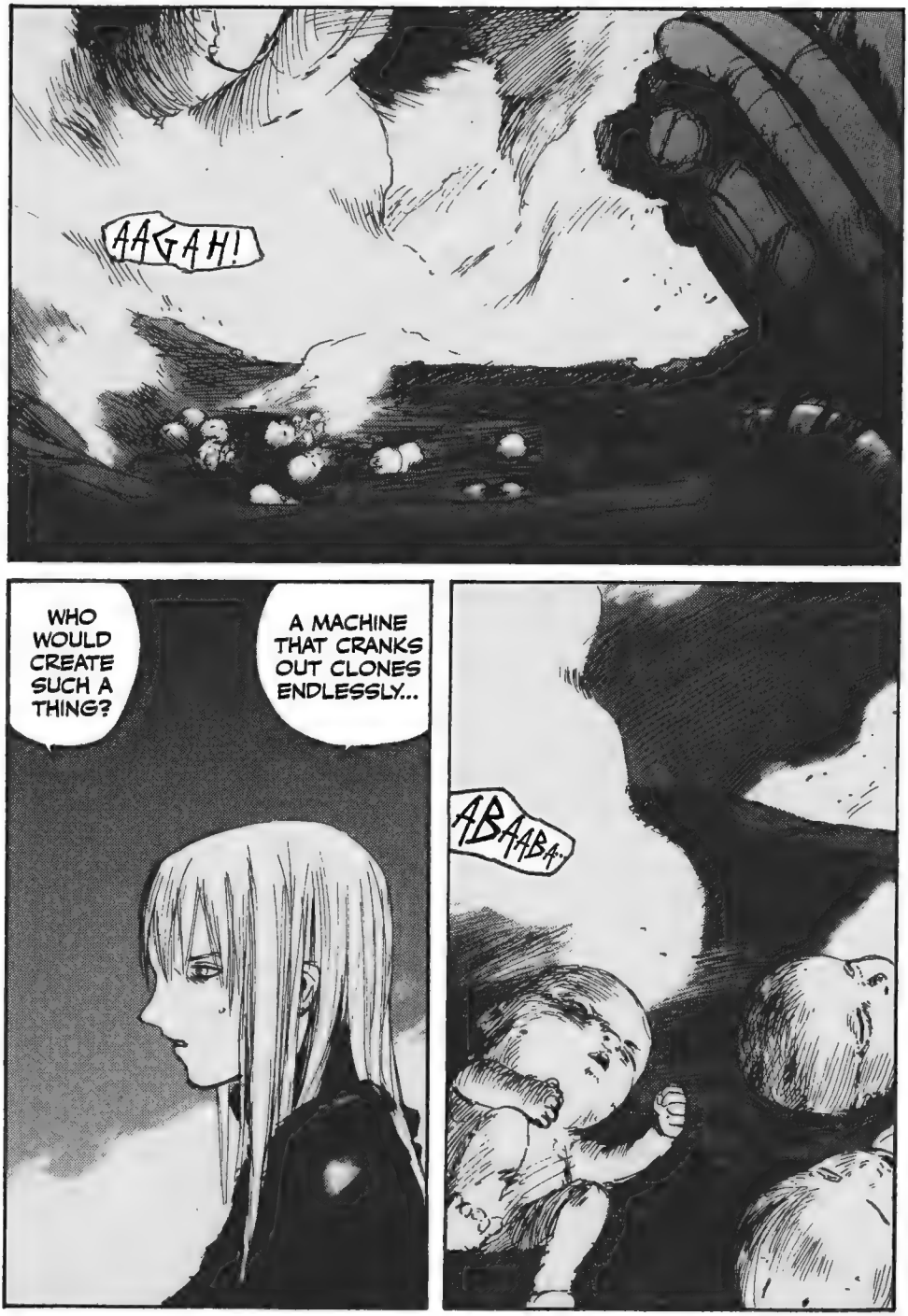
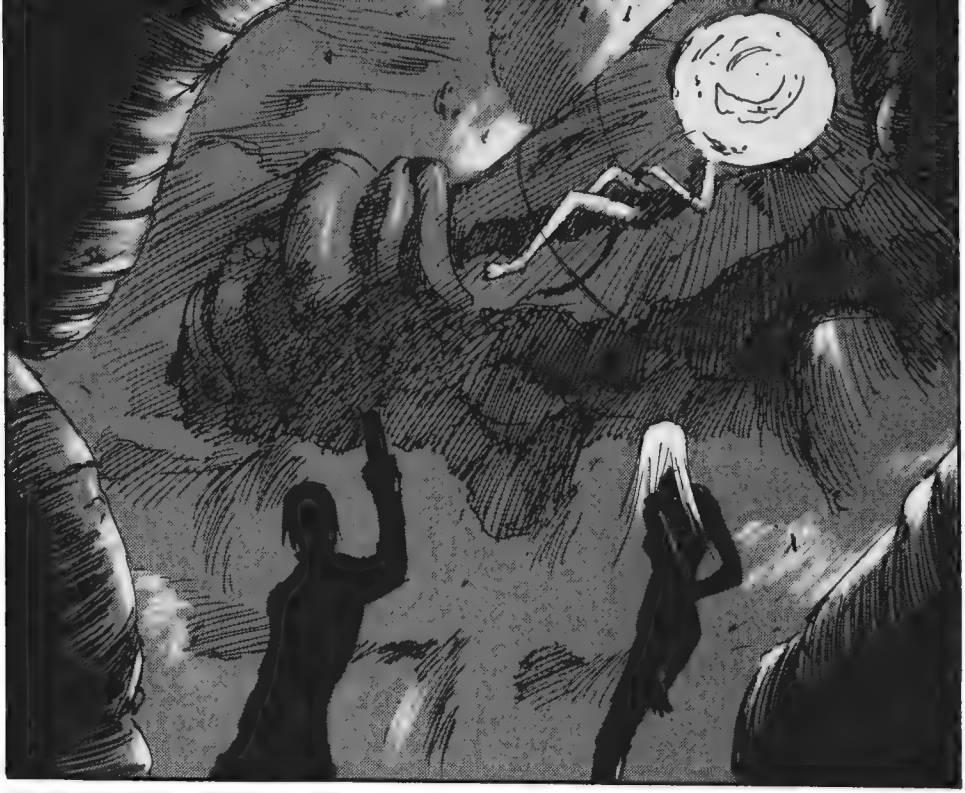

THERE HAVE TO BE MORE PEOPLE AROUND.
WE DON'T KNOW THAT YET.
THERE ARE NO NET TERMINAL GENES HERE, CIBO.
ALL THE PEOPLE I JUST SCANNED HAVE IDENTICAL DNA.
THEY'RE CLONES.
BUT WHY...
YOU'RE RIGHT... THEY WERE ALL WOMEN.
!!

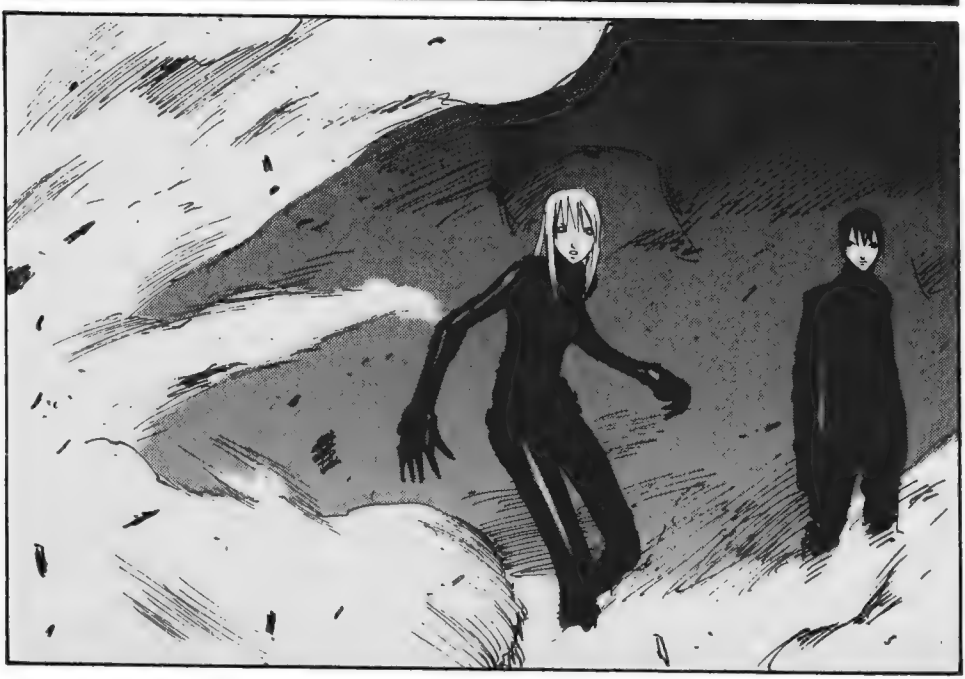
THERE'S NO USE STICKING AROUND.
I'VE SEEN PLACES LIKE THIS BEFORE.
WAAH!


WAAGH!
YAHHH...
AAAHH...


AAGAH!
WHO WOULD CREATE SUCH A THING?
A MACHINE THAT CRANKS OUT CLONES ENDLESSLY...
ABAABA...

!!
CLICK
BLAM





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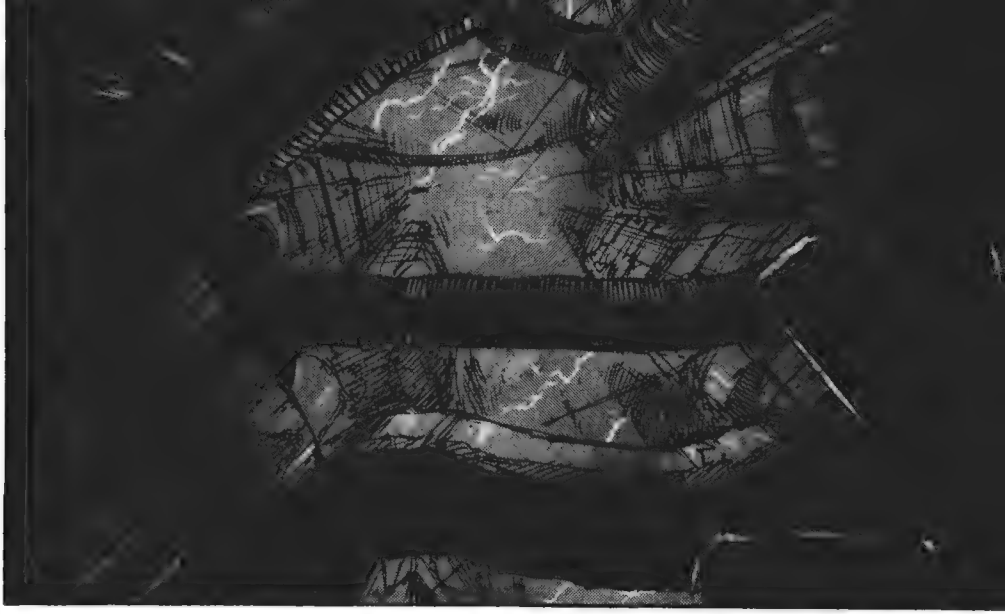
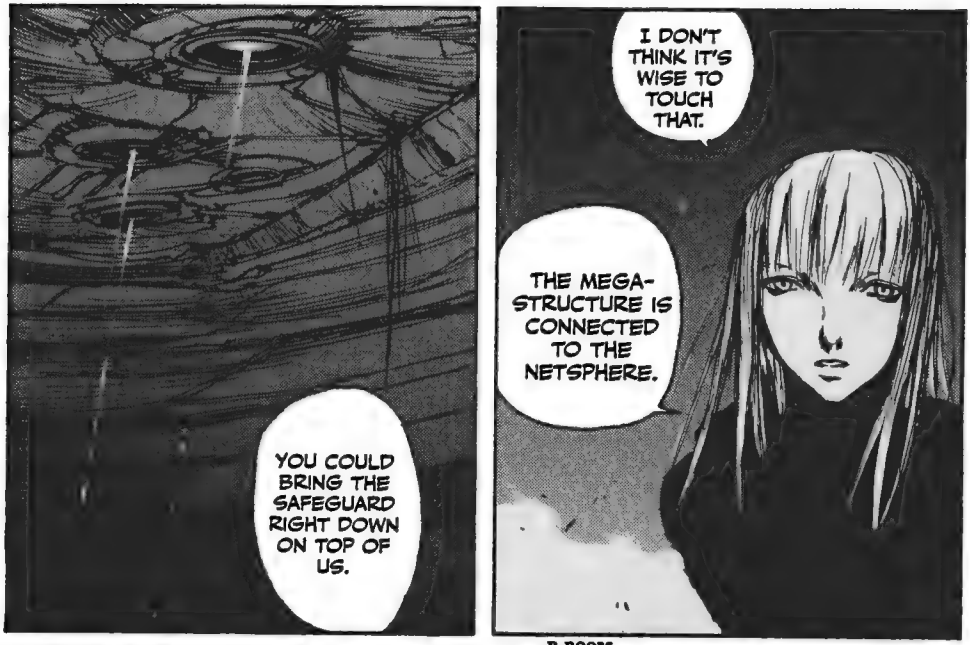
LOG. 37 – Unofficial Megastructure

MUST BE A MEGA-STRUCTURE UP THERE.
I CAN SEE THE ENTRANCE.



WAIT.

YEAH, THAT'S AN ENTRANCE, BUT IT LOOKS SEALED.


YOU COULD BRING THE SAFEGUARD RIGHT DOWN ON TOP OF US.
THE MEGA-STRUCTURE IS CONNECTED TO THE NETSPHERE.
I DON'T THINK IT'S WISE TO TOUCH THAT.

B-BOOM

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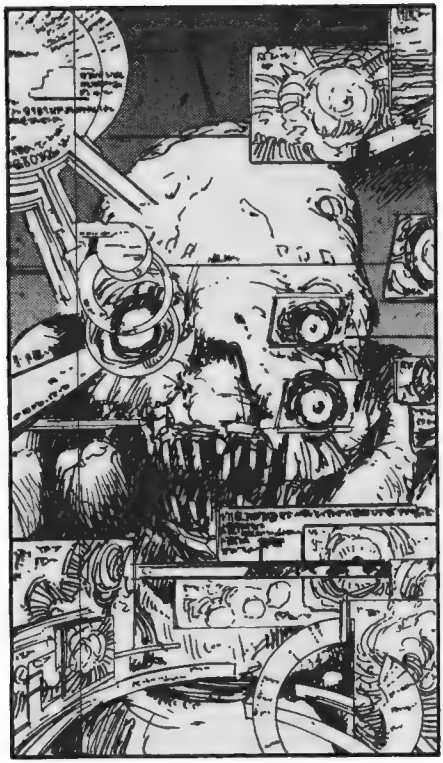
DG-GUNK

BMM-BM-BM

BOOOM
ゴン
HELLo.
H-H-H-
H-H-H-
H-H-



I,
I.
I.
I-
I-
I—
IS IT SAFE, KILLY?
WE'LL RIDE THIS UP.

CLICK
CHK

YES. THIS MEGA-STRUCTURE AND I...
...WERE CREATED BY ROGUE BUILDERS.
MUCH ?
EVEN IF HUMANS WITHOUT NET TERMINAL GENES, SUCH AS YOU, WERE TO ACCESS THIS LIFT, THE SAFEGUARD WOULD LIKELY NOT NOTICE.
I'M JUST THE ELEVATOR MONITOR.
I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO DO WITH THE AUTHORITY OR SAFEGUARD.
BLECH
WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE THE ELEVATOR?
YES.

RRMBB

CLUNGK

SHALL I TAKE YOU TO THE NEAREST EXIT?
YOU MEAN THERE'S MORE THAN ONE?
THERE ARE MANY COMPLEX FORKS, INTERSECTIONS, FORKS, INTERSECTIONS, FORKS...
THE MEGASTRUCTURE IS STILL ONLY 27 KILOMETERS THICK AT ITS DENSEST POINTS.
BUT THIS ELEVATOR DOES NOT GO MERELY RIGHT UP THE CENTER.
IS THERE SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU?
NOT ONCE, AS FAR AS I KNOW.
HAS ANYONE EVER USED THIS ELEVATOR?

VERY WELL. ALLOW ME TO RUN A SEARCH.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A HUMAN WITH NET TERMINAL GENES.
I AM DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE MAINFRAME OF THIS MEGA-STRUCTURE.
I CAN OBSERVE BEYOND ITS WALLS...TO AN EXTENT.
YOU...? BUT HOW?
HOWEVER, I DID RECEIVE AN EM WAVE. A DISTRESS SIGNAL.
I FOUND NOTHING.

TAKE US THERE.
I WONDER HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN EMITTING.
No. A DISTRESS SIGNAL.
DISTRESS?
ACCORDING TO MY SEARCH, THERE ARE SEVERAL SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE DISTRESS SIGNAL.
THERE IS A DENSE CONGREGATION OF VARIOUS PRODUCTION CENTERS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS MEGASTRUCTURE.
KILLY, OUR PRIORITY IS TO FIND A WAY TO READ SEU'S DATA.

UN-KNOWN?
SETTING DESTINATION COORDINATES 40-7KE. DISTANCE, 6,780 KILO-METERS.
ETA IS UNKNOWN... PENDING RAIL CONDITIONS.
WE MAY HAVE TO LOWER OUR SPEED ACROSS THE OLDER RAILS.
I EXPECT THE JOURNEY WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST 800 HOURS.
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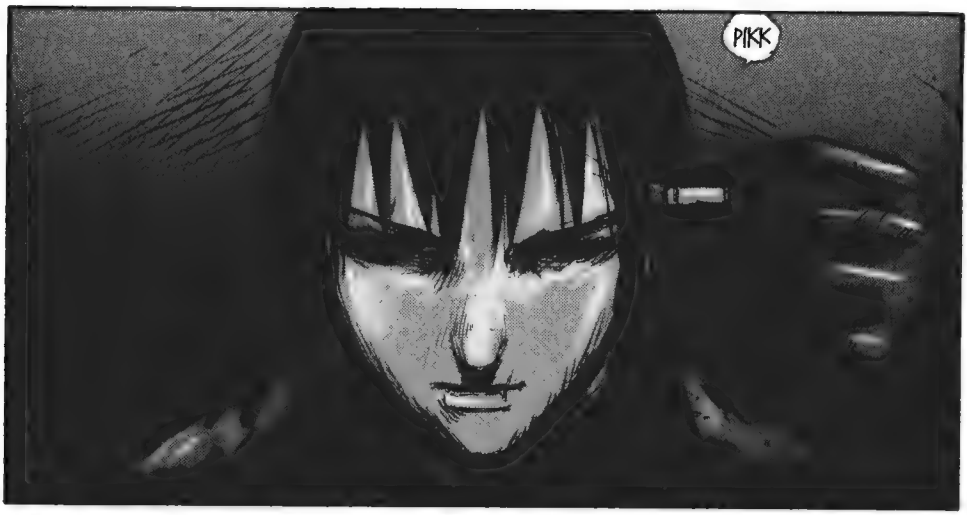
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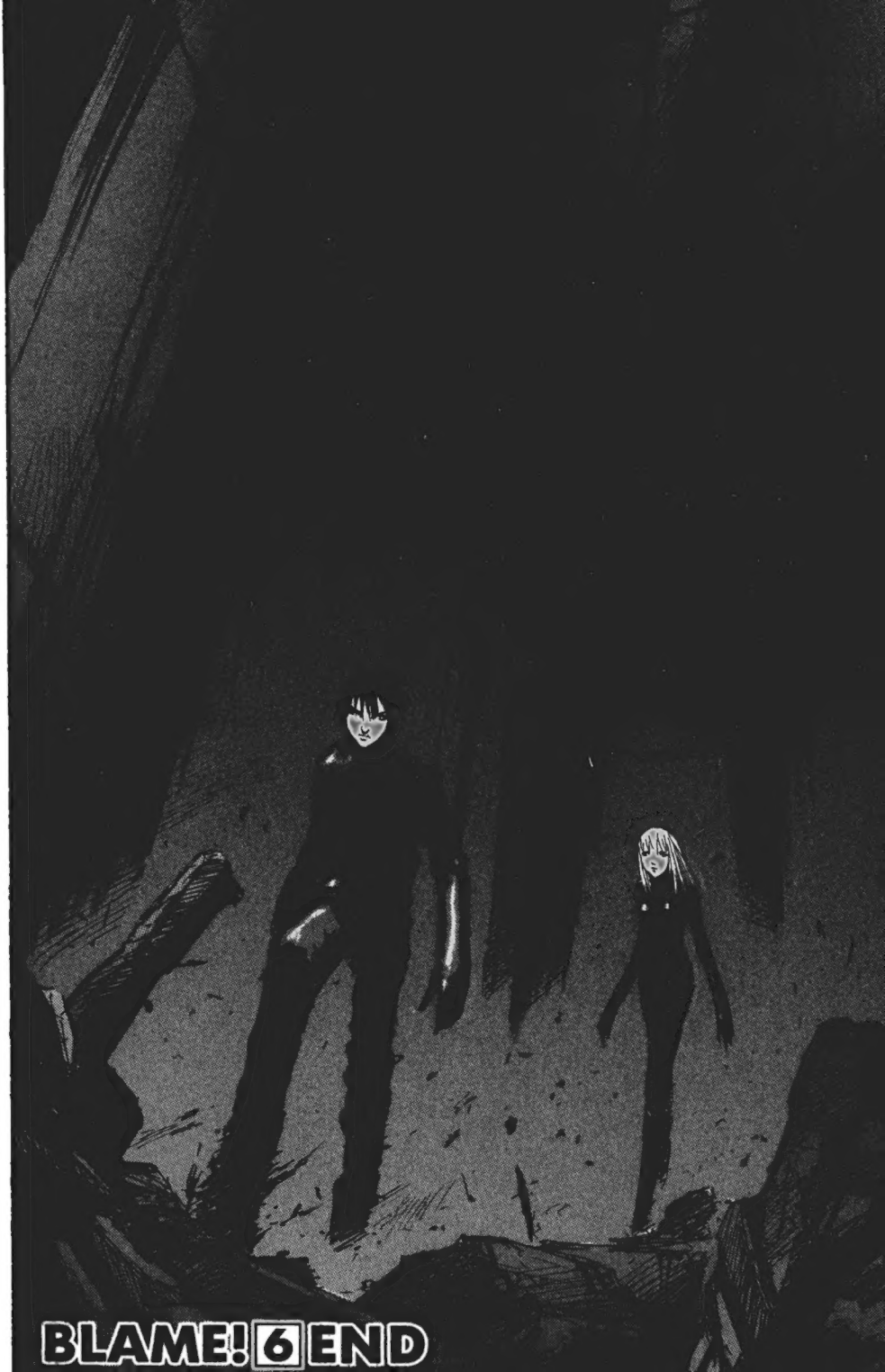
CRACK CRCKK

DRDRMMMM

BOOMMM

CLUNK CLUNK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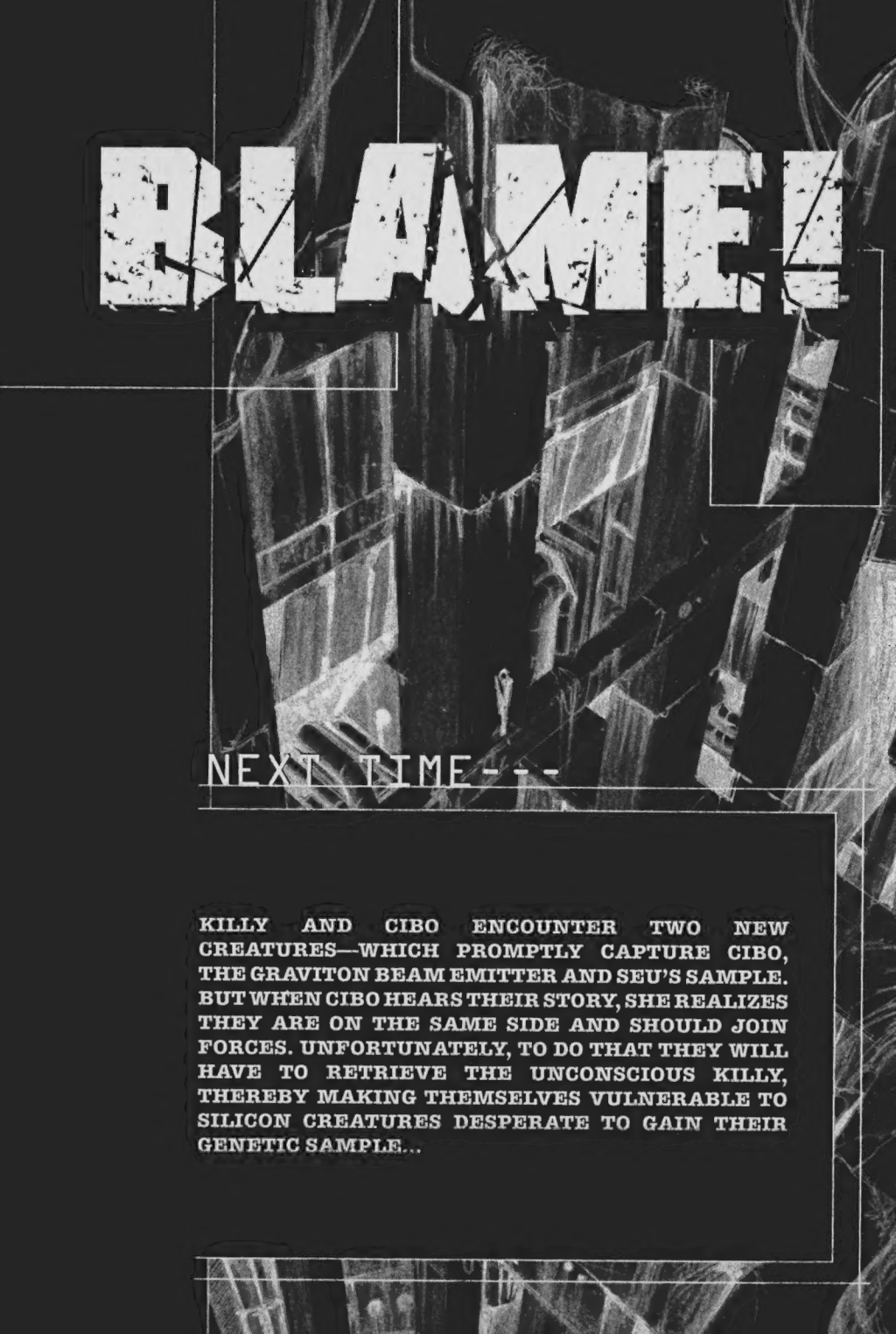

NEXT TIME---

KILLY AND CIBO ENCOUNTER TWO NEW CREATURES—WHICH PROMPTLY CAPTURE CIBO, THE GRAVITON BEAM EMITTER AND SEU'S SAMPLE. BUT WHEN CIBO HEARS THEIR STORY, SHE REALIZES THEY ARE ON THE SAME SIDE AND SHOULD JOIN FORCES. UNFORTUNATELY, TO DO THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO RETRIEVE THE UNCONSCIOUS KILLY, THEREBY MAKING THEMSELVES VULNERABLE TO SILICON CREATURES DESPERATE TO GAIN THEIR GENETIC SAMPLE...

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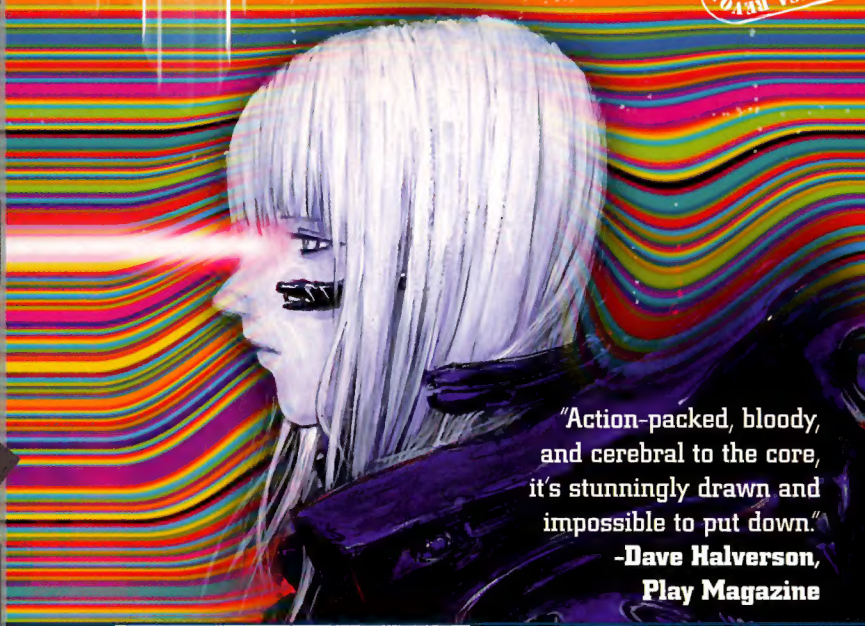

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